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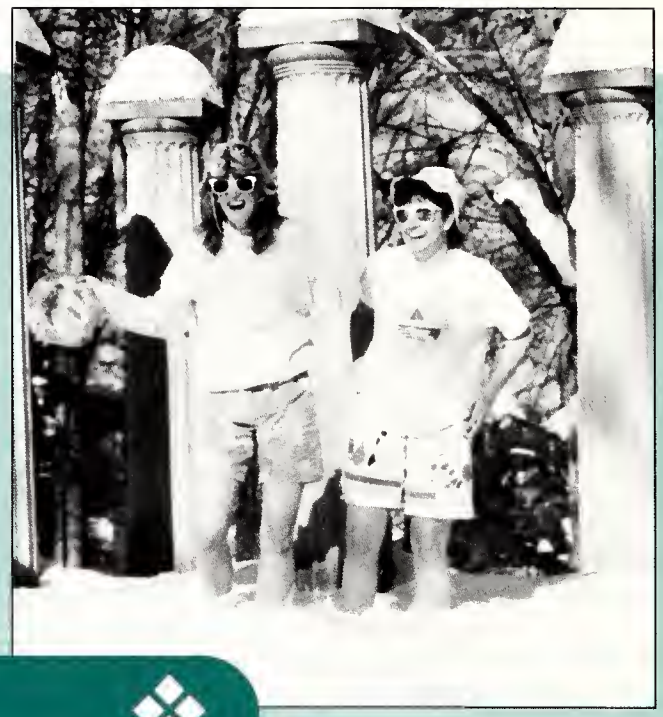

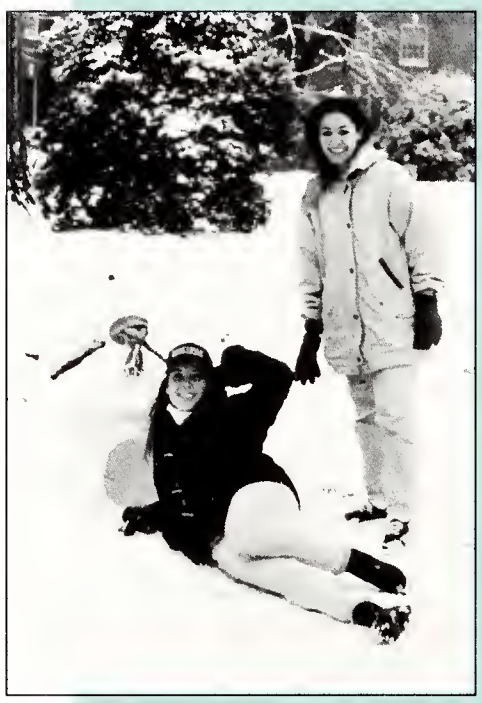

Campus snow scenes used to be fairly rare. But in recent years, as snowfalls have increased in frequency and duration, students have had more of an opportunity for old-fashioned fun in the snow.

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A DECADE 10 AS PRESIDENT

William M. Anderson Jr.

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William M. Anderson Jr. took the oath of office on April 7, 1984.

BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.

The inauguration of William M. Anderson Jr. as the sixth president of Mary Washington College was celebrated with a festive weekend of events including receptions, speeches, concerts and dances. The central event, of course, was the inaugural ceremony itself on April 7, 1984. Dodd Auditorium was filled to capacity for the occasion by students, faculty and alumni, as well as by delegations from numerous educational institutions, learned societies and governmental bodies. Capping the ceremony was a speech by Governor Charles S. Robb, in which he hailed the new president as "the right man at the right time to develop the right kind of future for this great College."

Bill Anderson and his wife, Jane, greeted well-wishers at an inaugural reception.

Campus Drive became Campus Walk during the Anderson years.

Beneath the pageantry, however, was a lingering undercurrent of sadness resulting from the death of the previous president, Prince B. Woodard, in December 1982. It was Woodard who had brought Anderson to Mary Washington some five years before as vice president for development and management information systems, having earlier worked with his young protegé both at the Virginia State Council of Higher Education and on the staff of the West Virginia Board of Regents. Despite distinct differences in temperament and managerial style — Woodard the more direct and autocratic, Anderson the more deliberate and collegial — the two were close, both personally and professionally. Thus it was that Anderson's presidency began on a bittersweet note. It was to this circumstance that Governor Robb referred when he suggested in his address that the late president's "pride and satisfaction would have been complete in the knowledge that the man he admired so much and believed in so deeply would finish the work that he began by building upon the legacy of strength that he had created."

The new president wasted no time in verifying that he did indeed intend to carry Woodard's legacy forward, and to do so aggressively. Nor did he leave any doubt as to what his guiding principle would be: a firm commitment to the liberal arts and sciences. "When many others are casting about to find their proper [institutional] roles," he said in his inaugural address, ". . . we at Mary Washington are united in our common commitment to this fundamental educational philosophy which has proven its value in the past — and which promises to sustain us in the future." That future, he predicted, held the potential for the College to achieve "national recognition as a model institution for the study of the liberal arts and sciences."

In that same address, Anderson made it clear that his conception of the proper goals of education extended well beyond the classroom to include preparing students for what he called "a lifetime of contributory citizenship." As he put it, "Ultimately, our worth as an institution will be measured by how well we have prepared our students to lead good and humane lives in a world yet to come — a world whose difficulties, as well as delights, we can scarcely imagine today."

Having articulated lofty goals at the outset, Anderson began his administra-

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Norma Batchelder '66, a member of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, perpetuates the commitment to excellent teaching that she benefited from as a student.

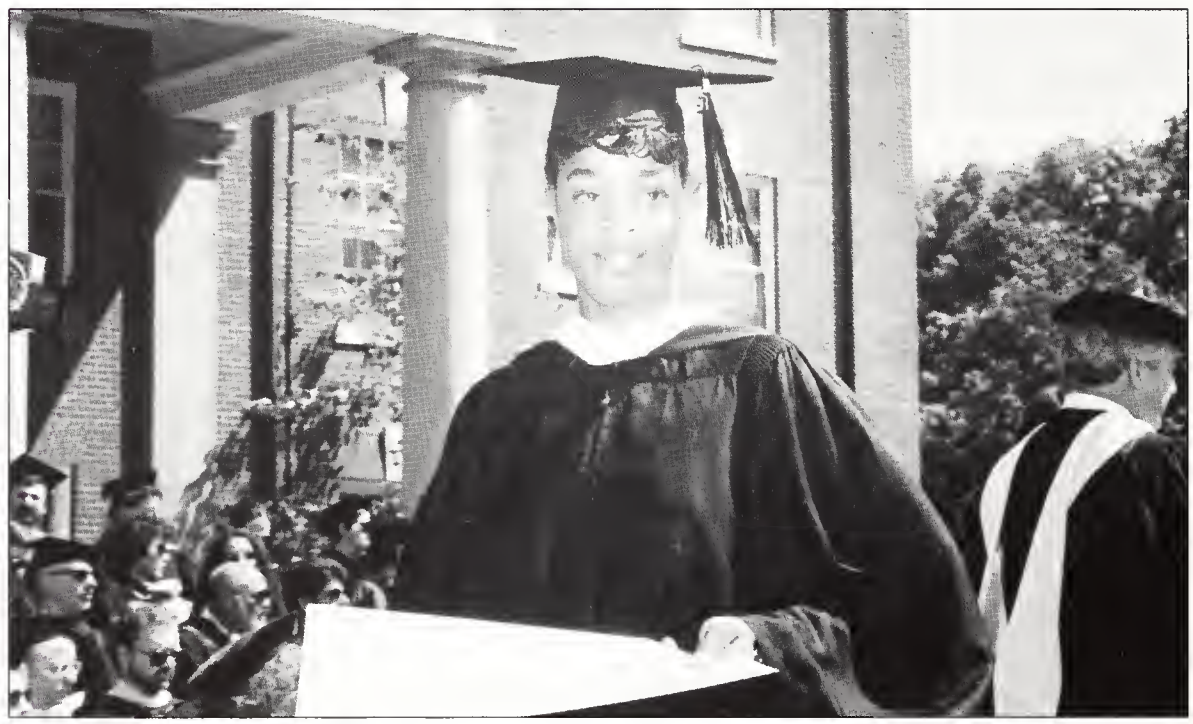
tion by developing a procedure to convert those aspirations into reality. Accordingly, his first year was devoted largely to strategic planning, a process that involved input from diverse elements of the College community, as well as advice from outside consultants. The results were embodied in a document titled "Commitment to Excellence: An Agenda for Action in the '80s and Beyond," which was formally adopted by the College's board of visitors in June 1985. The basic thrust of the comprehensive plan — a reflection of Anderson's own priorities — was not expansion of size but enhancement of excellence. The objective of such initiatives was to create, in the words of that document, "an institution of unique character and unsurpassed quality within the Virginia system of higher education." In the years since the promulgation of the plan, the actions recommended therein have been implemented to a remarkable degree — and with them, the attainment of the predicted success.

Most tangible among the accomplishments of the Anderson presidency have been major improvements in the College's physical facilities: a new library, new student center, three new residence halls, and the substantial renovation of several existing structures. The development of Campus Walk and continuing attention to the landscape have made the campus not only more attractive but more functional.

Less visible, but certainly no less significant, have been the efforts toward strengthening the academic program, including greater allocations of funds for faculty development and research, establishment of endowed chairs, and creation of a program of fellowships to reward outstanding young faculty members. The curriculum, too, has been enhanced in numerous ways, notably through development of a writing intensive program.

Improvements in the instructional program have been accompanied by similar advances in student recruitment and retention to the point that the College is now among the top 10 percent nationally in terms of selectivity in admissions. The College has also instituted aggressive and innovative efforts to attract a more diverse student body, and the results, while not totally satisfactory, have been encouraging.

Such successes appear all the more remarkable in light of the increasingly straitened conditions under which they have been achieved. Many of the im-



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Capital Campaign Honorary Chair Hildy Parks Cohen '45, center, dined with the Andersons at the kickoff banquet in March 1988.

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Alice Andrews Jepson '64 and her husband, Robert S. Jepson Jr., have been major contributors during the Anderson administration.

President Anderson was in good company at the dedication of the new baseball field in 1988. With him are, from left, Rebecca Murphy '90, Delegate V. Earl Dickinson and the Eagle mascot.

provements would have been impossible were it not for substantial increases in private donations to augment allocations from the Commonwealth. Indeed, the College's endowment has increased to over $10 million during Anderson's tenure — approximately 10 times what it was when he began — largely as the result of a highly successful capital campaign, vastly increased annual giving by alumni, and the singular generosity of Alice and Robert Jepson.

There is consensus that the College's success in all these areas is largely owing, directly or indirectly, to the efforts of President Anderson, though there are divergent opinions as to what his most significant specific contributions have been. To Rita M. Stone '52, a member of the board of visitors for eight years during Anderson's administration, the crucial element has been his vision and his tenacity in pursuit of that vision. "From the time that he presented the 'Commitment to Excellence' plan," she says, "it was evident that Bill knew where he wanted to lead the College. And 'excellence' was always the watchword."

Others have pointed to his skill in "working with Richmond" — that is, his effectiveness with the legislature. Lewis P. Fickett Jr., distinguished professor of political science and himself a former member of the General Assembly, attributes such success as much to Anderson's personal style as to his academic philosophy. Noting that Anderson was reared in the state's Southside, long a hotbed for the production of political leaders, Fickett suggests that Anderson has been exceptionally effective with legislators because he "instinctively speaks their language. He's basically pragmatic and sensible, and they appreciate that. I think he's established a real rapport in Richmond — and it's clearly paid dividends for us at Mary Washington."

The same personal characteristics appear to have helped Anderson within the College as well by enabling him to build support for the course which he charted. In the view of Ray Merchent, recently retired after a lengthy career in MWC administration, much of Anderson's success derives from his exceptional "interpersonal skills" — no small virtue at an academic institution. "That's his strength," says Merchent, "the ability to work with a wide range of personalities and his openness to various points of view. He's truly a 'people person.' I've rarely met anyone — in fact, *no one* at his level of responsibility — who has so little involvement of ego. Bill really does have the capacity to look beyond self and concentrate on what's best for the institution."

Characteristically, Anderson himself disclaims any particular credit for the College's advancement under his stewardship. While he takes obvious pride in the development of the institution he fondly calls "the jewel among the giants," he attributes its success to "a total team effort." [Ed. note: See following interview.]

Though such self-effacement is typical of Anderson, it does not do justice to his role, for if his leadership has not been the *sine qua non* of the College's rise to prominence, it has certainly been the most significant single factor. It appears in retrospect that Governor Robb was indeed prescient in proclaiming him "the right man at the right time."

William B. Crawley Jr. serves as historian of Mary Washington College, where he is Rector and Visitors Professor of History.

Q&A

AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT ANDERSON

Since his inauguration as president of Mary Washington College in 1984, William M. Anderson Jr. has gone from being one of the youngest college presidents in Virginia to one of the most senior in length of service. During the 10 intervening years, extraordinary changes have occurred within higher education generally and at Mary Washington in particular. In the following interview with members of the editorial board of Mary Washington College Today, *President Anderson discusses the developments of the past decade.*

Dr. Anderson, after 10 years now as president of Mary Washington College, what do you regard as the major accomplishments of that period?

To me the most significant development — and certainly the most gratifying — is to see the College achieving such widespread national recognition for excellence in the study of the liberal arts and sciences. I believe we're now listed in approximately 20 guides to higher education as an outstanding undergraduate institution. In my opinion such recognition is not only warranted, but is, in fact, long overdue. This involves more than just a matter of pride, however, because this kind of positive publicity yields tangible results, and helps to make us even stronger, by attracting an applicant pool that is both larger and more talented. So our success in the past tends to generate further success in the future.

What changes have you observed in the character of the institution?

There have been some changes, to be sure, but for the most part I think they've been subtle rather than dramatic. But before I talk about those changes, let me say that, to my mind, the quality of the College today is attributable as much to the aspects that have remained constant as to those which have changed. Foremost among them would be our

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continued commitment to the concept of liberal learning. Though we have modified our curriculum periodically to serve our students' needs better, we have never lost sight of our central mission as a college of the liberal arts and sciences. This emphasis was promoted in particular by Dr. Simpson and, I'm glad to say, it has not diminished over the years. [Grellet C. Simpson served as chancellor, and later, president of MWC from 1956 to 1974.]

Another facet of the College which hasn't changed is the Honor System, despite the claims of some critics that such a concept is outdated in today's culture. Several years ago we undertook a thorough review of our Honor System. This resulted in some procedural modifications, including an innovative jury format for honor trials. From all indications the result has been a rejuvenated system — a system that is still based upon the concept of honorable behavior on the part of all members of the College community.

Now, as to changes: Leaving aside specific changes and looking instead at the broader picture, it seems to me that the most fundamental change involves the adoption of an expanded interpretation of the proper goals of liberal learning. Whereas our focus earlier was more restricted to the classroom and laboratory, we now view education in a more comprehensive sense, acknowledging that much of what is really important in a student's education takes place beyond the walls of the academic buildings. This concept of providing for the development of the "total student" has led to the implementation of a wide range of extracurricular activities, including diverse student organizations and clubs, extensive recreational opportunities, and an expanded program of intercollegiate sports. Many such activities are closely related to academic instruction, such as those in the performing arts. We've recently developed a fine intercollegiate debate team. We've established a Community Outreach and Resources program to assist students in conducting volunteer work throughout the Fredericksburg area. Our Student Affairs Office coordinates an amazing array of innovative and instructive programs that provide direction for our students in the residence halls.

The list goes on and on. But the main point I'm trying to make is that the College now extends its efforts far beyond the classroom in order to assist in the development of what I like to call "character for citizenship." I believe that's a worthy endeavor for any college, and is especially appropriate here at Mary Washington, given our mission.

During Freshman Preview, the Honor Council holds mock trials to assist entering students in understanding the Honor System.

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To what do you attribute the success that the College has enjoyed in recent years?

Clearly, many factors have converged to make it possible. I might divide these, generally speaking, into external factors and internal factors. With regard to the external, we have been extremely fortunate to have received extraordinary support from both the executive and legislative branches of the state government, as well as from the State Council of Higher Education. Our area legislators simply could not have been more supportive of our interests. Without this kind of support we certainly could not have accomplished what we have — particularly in terms of the much-needed improvements to our physical plant, as well

Under the auspices of MWC's Community Outreach and Resources program (COAR), students frequently volunteer at agencies such as the Fredericksburg Area Food Relief Clearinghouse.

Mr. Anderson assisted Phyllis Ridderhof Martin in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new art gallery.

Arabelle Laws Arrington '41, an active member of the MWC Foundation, urges alumni support for the College.

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as increased funding for the instructional program. It might be well to note at this point that, even though economic conditions in the Commonwealth are currently causing some rather painful belt-tightening, we should not lose sight of the fact that the College has been very fortunate in its relative funding situation overall during the past decade or so.

Another extremely important factor which might be deemed "external" to the College is the substantial increase in private support that we've received in recent years. Overall alumni donations have risen substantially, as evidenced by the growth of annual fund giving and by the overwhelming response to our capital campaign. Our graduates are to be commended for their continuing dedication to their alma mater. They can certainly take pride in knowing that their contributions have played a major role in helping the College to attain the level of excellence that it now enjoys.

In addition to this widespread support from alumni, we've also benefited greatly from the support of many friends in the Fredericksburg area and beyond, who have generously assisted the College financially. These include, in particular, the late Phyllis Ridderhof Martin, whose donation enabled us to construct a fine new art gallery. And, of course, very special appreciation is owed to Alice and Robert Jepson, whose philanthropy has enhanced Mary Washington in numerous ways. Their generous gifts have provided the means of rewarding certain of our outstanding young faculty mem-

Alumni enjoyed a continental breakfast hosted by the president at the 1987 reunion.

Rita Morgan Stone '52, rector of the board of visitors in 1987, spoke at the groundbreaking for the new library.

The new library opened in January 1989 and was subsequently named in honor of President Emeritus Grellet C. Simpson.

The fountain in Monroe Square has become a favorite gathering place on campus.

bers and have enabled us to proceed with what will be a spectacular new science facility. The College's debt of gratitude to Alice and Bob is too great to express, let alone repay.

You mentioned "internal" reasons for the College's success. What are they?

So many elements interact in this regard that it's very difficult to enumerate them — and there's always the danger of focusing on some while neglecting to mention others. That's why I usually rely on a sports metaphor — a cliché, I realize — and refer to it as a "team effort." For example, one of the essential ingredients is a far-sighted and dedicated board of visitors — which we fortunately have had throughout my tenure. It is they who, ultimately, provide direction for the College. We've also had an effective administrative staff to do the work which enables the faculty to do their jobs — the essential work of the College — more efficiently. We have a staff of classified employees whose conscientious work, day in and day out, makes all of our lives more pleasant on campus. And we have, in my opinion, the finest student body anywhere. The progress of the College has been built upon the interaction and collaborative effort of all those elements, and all have been integral to our success.

Now, let me do what I just said I shouldn't do and isolate several elements that seem to me to have been particularly significant in this process. One is our greater success in selling — or perhaps I should say "presenting"— the College to prospective students. Because of the outstanding work being done by our people in the Admissions Office, we have become one of the most selective colleges in Virginia — or in the nation, for that matter. The importance of this is obvious, since the level of instruction that can be conducted is necessarily tied to the academic abilities of the students. I might also add that we're not only attracting more capable students than ever before, but are retaining more of them through to graduation.

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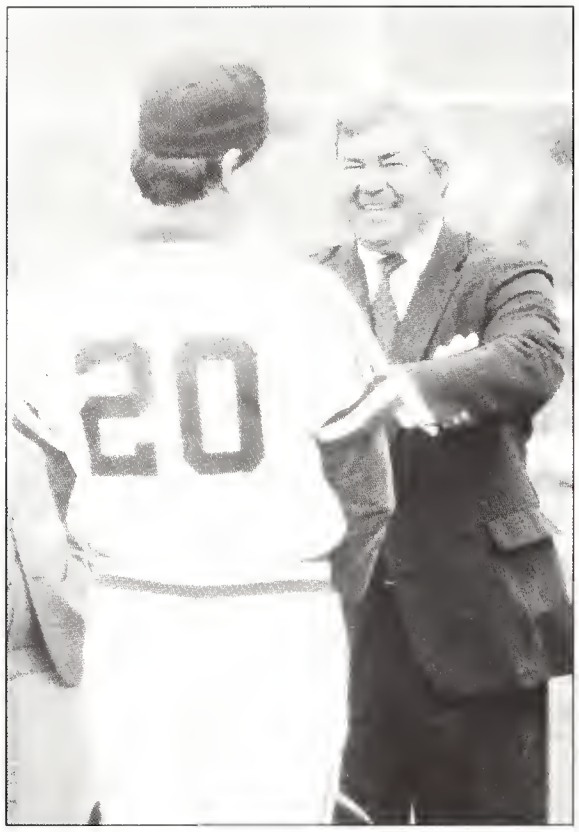
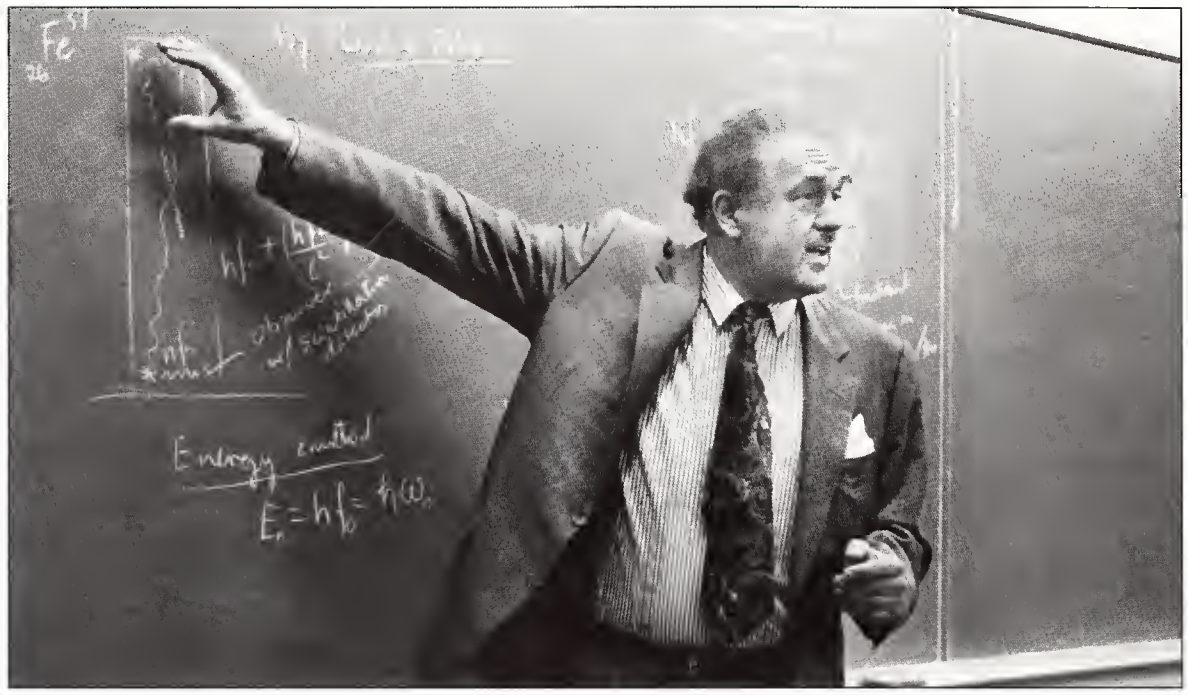
A second element is our library — a cornerstone of the academic experience. After many years of postponement and numerous setbacks, we were finally able to build a new library that opened in January 1989. The significance of this development to the success of the College is not merely the building itself, but the expanded services offered and the advanced technology employed in providing those services.

Highly selective admissions standards have produced an increasingly talented student body.



When not officially "on duty," the president often attends Eagle athletic events.



Professor Bulent I. Atalay's lectures bring his subject to life for his physics students.

Another element involves curriculum revision. Just before I became president several important courses of study were added — historic preservation, business administration, computer science. All of these programs have matured during the last 10 years and are now very popular with our students — a good number of whom are attracted to the College by those programs. Another curricular innovation that has matured during this time is our writing intensive program. It has become a model of its kind, and I'm particularly proud of it because it helps, in a unique way, to provide our students with one of the truly essential skills required in today's world.

A rather different element — but one that I personally regard as important to our overall success — is our intercollegiate athletic program. I should make it clear that I, like many others, am wary of such programs as they have developed, seemingly without constraints, at some larger institutions. But, as we at MWC define the role of sports, I think there is value — for three main reasons: First, it provides greater visibility for the institution among many college-bound high school students; second, it contributes to building positive school spirit, an important factor in student retention; and third, athletic participation itself is beneficial to the student in terms of exercise and discipline. The latter point is well demonstrated by the disproportionately high academic achievement of our athletes.

All of which brings me to an element of our success which I've deliberately saved until last in order to underscore its fundamental importance to all other aspects — and that is the work of our faculty, both within the classroom and within their own professional areas. This is why we've put an increasing amount of funds into faculty research — to allow our faculty to contribute to their disciplines and to hone their teaching techniques. This College has long taken pride in the quality of its instruction, and I am convinced that such pride is fully justified — perhaps more now than ever in our history. If proof is needed, all that is necessary is to ask any alumnus, and he or she will almost invariably say that the quality of teaching was the most significant aspect of his or her experience at MWC. This, ultimately, more than anything else, explains the success we have attained.

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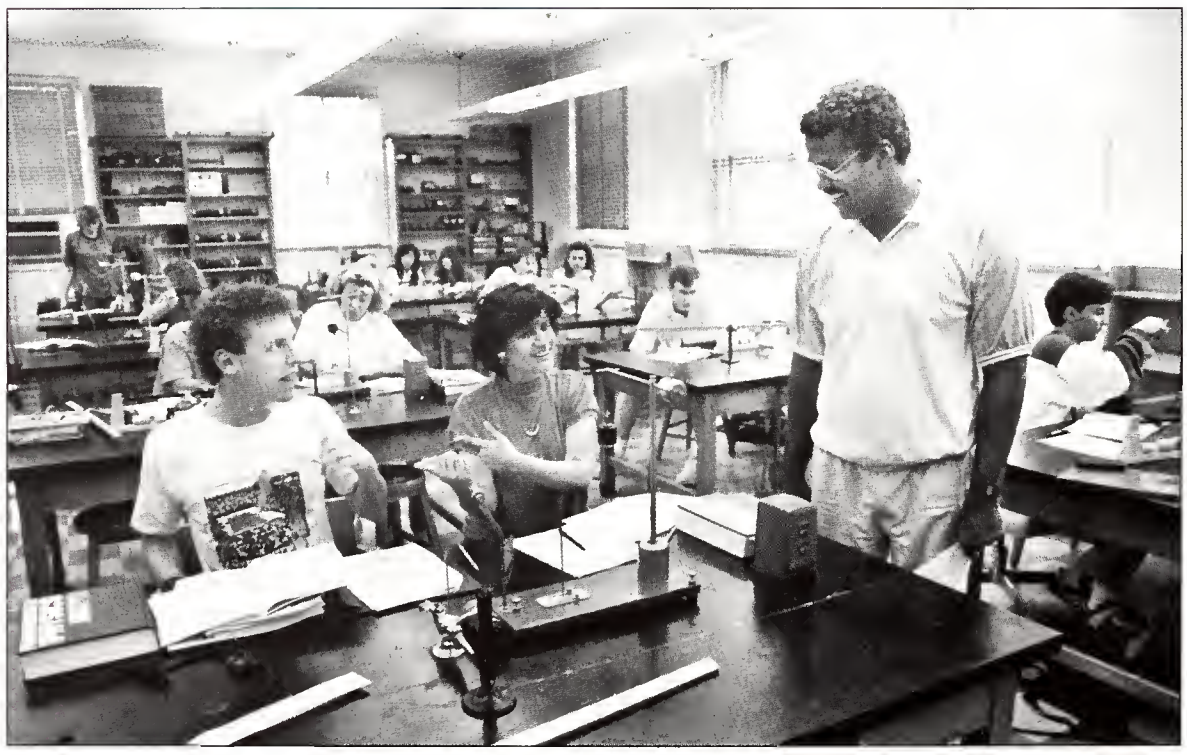

Physics Professor George King III exemplifies the College's continuing commitment to personalized instruction.

Participation in the College's internship program helped Irene Thomaidis '86 to secure a broadcasting job with a local radio station.

It is obvious that the College has progressed in many ways during the past decade. But have there also been some disappointments along the way?

Yes, there have been. Perhaps the foremost among them has been the inability to secure what I would consider adequate salaries for our faculty. As I just mentioned, these are the people who do the very work for which the College exists — teaching our students — and it is essential that we find ways of compensating them commensurately. This has proven difficult, especially in recent years as resources have become scarcer because of the state's general economic decline. But we continue to press for improvement, and we must address this issue or we will not be able to attract and retain the caliber of faculty on which our continued reputation depends.

Another area which has proven frustrating is the effort toward greater diversity within the College community. There have been some modest successes. The number of females on the faculty, for example, has increased. But in terms of attracting more minority students and faculty, the progress, quite honestly, has been disappointingly slow. Overcoming this situation must continue to be a high priority.

What other challenges does the College face in the years ahead?

There are a whole set of challenges relating to economic forces. Such concerns are difficult to respond to and even more difficult to anticipate. We are presently faced with some major decisions resulting from the Commonwealth's current revenue shortfall. But even as we try to cope with the immediate problems, we know that our long-range success will depend increasingly on the ability to attract private funds to augment state appropriations. This is just "the way it is" in higher education today, and it promises to be an on-going challenge. I might note that, in an effort to address it, I have tried to devise an administrative reorganization, recently put into place, which will enable me to pursue this priority more aggressively.

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From a programmatic point of view, the College faces the challenge of adapting to the rapidly changing demands of a global economy. We must ensure that our students have the skills necessary to compete, and to live meaningfully, in such a world. This does not imply a retreat from our traditional emphasis on the liberal arts and sciences, but it may necessitate some curricular modifications to accommodate current and anticipated student needs. We have effected such changes before, and I would submit that the curriculum was energized, not diminished, by such changes.

Let me offer a few examples. For the past few years we have been placing greater emphasis on globalization and on issues of cultural diversity, both through promoting travel abroad and through encouraging the infusion of such issues into the curriculum itself. We now have a thriving internship program, established under my predecessor, Dr. Woodard, that gives interested students valuable academic-related work experience. And, more recently, we've been promoting "interactive education" through independent studies and undergraduate research. I earlier mentioned the writing intensive program. We're

When Anna Hash '94 was a junior, she joined the Peacework effort in Mexico. She and other volunteers, along with Delfino, right, and his family, constructed a new Habitat home.

now moving towards developing an oral-intensive model as well. Efforts such as these, in my view, will serve well to prepare our students for life in the 21st century.

Are there any particular developments of immediate interest that you'd like to mention?

Yes, several. With regard to facilities, we're excited about the renovation of the Fine Arts Complex now underway and the anticipated construction of the Jepson Science Center. This will be followed by a thorough renovation of Combs Hall, the current science building. Farther down the road, we look forward to the construction of a much-needed convocation center — dependent, of course, upon securing the requisite funds. In the nearer future I, personally, am very excited about the possibilities that will result when our fiber-optic network becomes operational. I can foresee the potential for some very innovative ways to enhance interaction between faculty and students.

Another initiative which holds great promise for the College's future is the proposed new campus in Stafford County. Located as we are in the midst of the fastest-growing region of Virginia, we, as a state-supported institution, feel a responsibility to serve the area's population as effectively as possible within the overall constraints of our mission. The projected Stafford campus would enable us to provide better service to several constituencies: students coming out of the regional community colleges, adult students, and graduate students in specific fields. In so doing we could also contribute to the economic development needs of the area. And — this is a crucial point — it would enable us to do so while maintaining the traditional character of the program as it now exists on the Fredericksburg campus. I should emphasize that the Stafford campus is still in the planning stage — and that its development is very much dependent on the unforeseeable circumstances of state funding — but I can envision it as a positive addition both to the region and to Mary Washington College.

We've been focusing so far on the institutional development of the College during your tenure. What have those years been like from a personal standpoint?

The most remarkable — almost frightening — thing is how quickly the time has passed. Maybe this is a good indication that I've enjoyed it — which I have.

Ever the good sport, President Anderson responds to the crowd's urging to dance with Dean Joanne Beck to the rock 'n' roll oldie, "Splish, Splash."

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There has certainly been great satisfaction for Jane and me in watching our children grow up. When we first moved into Brompton, it seemed that the driveway was always littered with their toys. Now it's littered with their cars! [The Anderson children are Harper, now a junior at the University of Richmond; Mason, a first-year student at the University of Virginia; and Bill, a junior at James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg.]

Much of my social life, in one way or another, revolves around the College. We do a good deal of entertaining in that connection, and it is always enjoyable because our superb staff knows just how to make it pleasant for everyone. Since it's necessary for me to travel quite a bit, particularly to Richmond, I'm not able to be as involved as I'd like in campus activities on a regular basis, but because Brompton is adjacent to the Battleground Complex, I do get to walk over fairly often to watch various athletic events. I never fail to be favorably impressed with our students when I'm around them — at sports events or at any other time. They really are a joy.

I guess I'd summarize the whole experience of the last 10 years as a great opportunity to be involved with an enterprise that has constantly presented new challenges — and has just as regularly produced great rewards. I can't imagine any better experience. I've truly enjoyed it. I still do.

Promotion of Mary Washington College comes naturally to the genial president.

Margaret Sutton '26:

Undiscovered Painter of the New York Avant-Garde

Sutton

BY FORREST McGILL

"I am a more complex person than you know me to be. I have fine paintings and drawings of a certain period. I know they are good."

This much Margaret Sutton, usually very private, was willing to write to a new friend late in life. Both her complexity and the fineness of her paintings are now beginning to be appreciated.

Early last year Alfred Levitt, a New York artist, intellectual, and long-time friend of Sutton's, donated to the College the wonderful legacy his friend left him on her death in 1990. Included were some 2,000 of her paintings and drawings; her personal papers; her library of books on art, philosophy, mathematics and many other subjects; and $300,000, the income from which will be used to encourage the study of art at the College.

During her life Sutton exhibited only a handful of paintings. Levitt estimates that 90 percent of her works were never seen by anyone. Imagine the excitement of our students and faculty as boxes are unpacked revealing one strange and powerful painting after another. We are embarking on the long task of cataloging, conserving, and trying to interpret the life's work of an intense, enigmatic — and completely unknown — artist.

Margaret Sutton was born in 1905 in Abingdon, Va., only a few miles from the border of Tennessee. She graduated from Mary Washington in 1926 with a degree in art education, and after several years' teaching moved to New York City. There she received a master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia in 1930. For the next nine years she taught art at Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville, but spent some of her summers traveling. In 1932 she participated in an "applied art study tour" of Europe sponsored by the National Alliance of Art and Industry. In the same year, and again in 1934, she studied painting at the famous Art Students League in New York. Her immersion in the most advanced art and art theory continued in 1936 when she joined the New York painting classes of Hans Hofmann. The German-born Hofmann had studied in Paris in the artistically revolutionary period of 1904 to 1914. After his move to America in 1932 he became the most influential art teacher of the generation, and a leading painter of the New York School.

It was in Hofmann's class that Sutton and Alfred Levitt met. When Sutton moved to New York for good in 1939 and was having money worries, Levitt and his wife, Gertrude, suggested that Sutton move in with them for a while. The three became fast friends and shared living quarters in Greenwich Village for the next 53 years. Together, they went to art exhibitions, plays and concerts and, during evenings at home, would debate the cultural and political issues of the day: socialism, the origins of art, the meaning of Einstein and Picasso and Freud, the struggle to defeat the Nazis. Different as they were — working-class New York Jews and a lapsed Methodist from rural Virginia, who cherished her ancestors' link to the family of Lord Baltimore — they shared a passion for, in Sutton's words, "art and study."

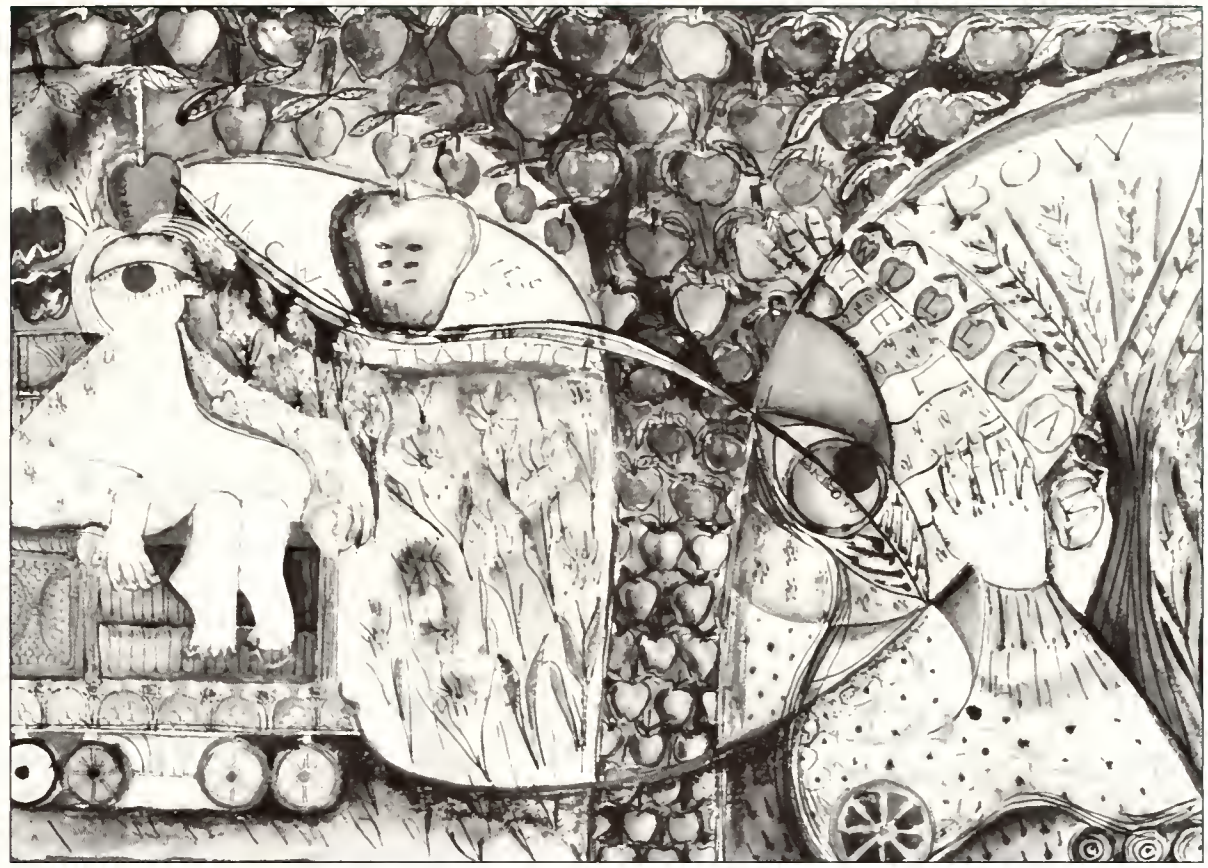
Sutton had to find a job. She was by now in her mid-30s, a single woman in the city. She had no family wealth; on the contrary, her father, a country dentist, was now partly incapacitated by paralysis. Sutton, the only child, needed to send money home. She worked briefly as a textile designer, then as a librarian. Eventually, after

The Strawberry, *approx. mid-1940s. Watercolor on paper.*

Pyramid Head, *approx. mid-1940s. Watercolor on paper.*

America's entry into the war, she took government-sponsored courses at Columbia in advanced technical drafting, and landed a job with Grumman Aircraft. At the end of the war she left Grumman and worked for the next 24 years as a technical illustrator for Mergenthaler Linotype, the world's foremost manufacturer of typesetting equipment.

The decade of the '40s seems to have brought forth Sutton's most ambitious artworks. These include a few oils and some 60 large, complex works in a combination of ink, watercolor and opaque watercolor. In 1939 Sutton had produced a series of completely abstract works, but the paintings of the '40s reveal (sometimes only after careful looking) landscapes, human figures, and a repertoire of recurring motifs: feathers, eyes, harlequins, fruit, stars. These are presented packed, even jumbled, together, often



The Mechanization of William Tell. *1946. Watercolor on paper.*

creating an overall pattern filling the picture surface. The colors are vivid to the point of throbbing. In "The Strawberry," for instance, disembodied hands, floating among eyes and starbursts, grasp a fruit, all painted in an array of tomato red, cherry red, blood red.

Another painting depicts "The Mechanization of William Tell." The title reminds us of Sutton's literary knowledge and of her interest in reconciling the two worlds she inhabited, the world of the imagination and the world of science and technology. We see Tell's son, with one huge eye, sitting quietly atop a sort of wagon, apple on head. Tell himself has dissolved into arm, eye and wheels, but the artist helps us — or teases us — with labels: "BOW," "ARROW," "TRAJECTORY," "APPLE." Near the center, written forcefully, is: "Sutton '46."

What do these paintings signify? We are only beginning to investigate. The bare narrative of her life, culled from school transcripts, job applications, and long interviews with Alfred Levitt, is just getting filled in. She left no journal, but hundreds of pages of undated jottings, correspondence, and notes on classes attended (for instance, physics at New York University in 1954) and books read. Her handwriting is sometimes difficult and her spelling always horrid. Students studying her work must master decipherment and gain through experience a sense of what Sutton might be saying. The student who has accomplished most so far is art history major Lydia K. Hellrich '95. She was one of the original team who went to New York to pack and transport Sutton's works, and has been involved in cataloging most of the 1,400

Alfred and Gertrude Levitt.

Margaret Sutton: Excursions into the Imaginative Realm

will be on exhibit at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery Feb. 21-June 5. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday 1-4 p.m. The gallery will be closed April 4-10. For more information call (703) 899-4695.

processed so far. She can now recognize what looks like "jinapps" as "giraffe's," but knowing what to make of the whole sentence, apparently from a midnight transcription of a dream, is another matter. It reads, "With three legs and a giraffe's body the antenna-headed worm crawled into striped pants and joined the clowns."

Gobbledygook? Probably not. Motifs like giraffes and striped pants turn up often in the paintings, as do others of what seem to be

veiled sexual symbols. We are reminded of the phantasmagorical imagery of the surrealists.

Many surrealist writers and artists fled Europe for New York just before the war. Like most New York artists in the early '40s, Sutton seems to have been influenced by them. She shared their fascination with the unconscious, both individual and collective, and their obsession with dreams. She (again like other avant-garde artists of the period) constantly used a technique developed by the surrealists to free their work from the control of the domineering conscious mind and let more basic — more authentic — impulses play. This was automatic drawing. The artist doodles or lets the hand swing and wander as it will, then examines the result as one might examine an ink blot. Forms and motifs reveal themselves, and are then completed or elaborated with the conscious mind again in control.

The Lonely Beg Alms into the Night, *approx. mid-1940s. Watercolor on paper.*

The Death of My Sainted Mother Depicts the Ascent of the Spirit and the Descent of the Flesh, *mid-1940s. Watercolor on paper.*

The surrealists, like Sutton and other New York School artists such as Jackson Pollock, studied depth psychology. Sutton read Freud and Jung and, again like Pollock, underwent psychoanalysis. She also studied the myths and art of earlier cultures. Whatever implications we eventually draw from Sutton's paintings and writings, we know we are dealing with a cosmopolitan, highly intelligent, very well-educated, thoroughly self-aware artist, who knew, even if we don't yet, exactly what she was doing.

The two paintings described represent only one facet of Sutton's work in the '30s and '40s. There are dozens of sly caricatures, portraits of subway riders, evocative landscapes, bitter observations of decadent society, and drawings of real and fantastic machinery.

And what of Sutton's later career? In the late '40s, the well-known New York artists of her generation, such as Pollock, Adolph Gottlieb and Mark Rothko, evolved a new style called abstract expressionism. It was characterized by more-or-less complete abstraction, bold gesture, heroic size, and high seriousness of tone and intent. Sutton went in a different direction, producing a series of sometimes whimsical drawings apparently inspired by late cubism. Then there is a hiatus. From 1955 to 1972 there is not a single dated work. But from the '70s and early '80s come hundreds of drawings of the English Gothic cathedrals that had long fascinated her, and hundreds more skein-like abstract drawings made in response to music. All these late drawings are carefully labeled and dated; the music drawings give us the names of the performers, the venue of the concert, and the exact designation of the piece, sometimes down to the subsection of a movement. Sutton contrasts these late drawings with her earlier works, calling them, apparently somewhat disparagingly, "artifacts for a pursuit."

What happened in the early '50s that led Sutton in new, seemingly less ambitious artistic directions? Did she really stop painting and drawing for a decade or more? Perhaps she was disappointed by a lack of recognition. Perhaps she was angered by the machismo and notorious inhospitality to women artists of the mid-century New York art world. We are uncertain. We have only a note in a letter from 1954: "There is an incompletion and frustration in carrying out my own projects, which of course I need not lay [out] here. I do not know if I will ever paint again unless I am alone in my own studio surrounded by my own paintings." Margaret Sutton never managed to get a studio of her own.

The Creator God Series, *early 1970s. Ink on paper.*

While we can regret the loss of what Sutton might have created, we have her legacy of many hundreds of works that have only begun to be explored and appreciated. Her own words point the way for our excursions: "These pictures are the richer imagery of an inner life which have grown out of my workaday activities as a textile designer, a draftsman for an aeroplane, and a technical illustrator for a linotype machine. I probed and studied and looked into the histories of art, its criticism, and philosophies, which gave me my confidence to express and draw visual form not as imitation of nature but as new constructions having their own rightness of being."

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THE SEARCH FOR SUCCESS

A Look at the Recruiting Process in MWC Athletics

BY SARAH B. HERTZ '94

Recruiting in Division III athletics can be a complicated business. At Mary Washington College, coaches must teach a full class load within the physical education discipline and find time to discuss problems or offer advice to current students and athletes, while also coaching a varsity sport each semester. In addition, MWC coaches are recruiting a new class of student-athletes every year. According to Dr. Edward H. Hegmann, in his 18th year as athletic director, physical education chairperson and women's tennis coach, the Athletic Department supports the varied approaches toward recruiting that the coaching staff uses. "I offer suggestions when needed but let coaches do their own thing," said Hegmann. "They are all veteran recruiters by now."

By maintaining quality athletic programs which catch the public eye, MWC coaches are attracting many talented student-athletes to their teams. The escalating academic reputation of the College and the success of the teams on a national level have combined to aid in the recruitment process. The exceptional success of MWC athletics in the '90s shows that the College is attracting more quality student-athletes than ever before.

MWC Athletic Department Secretary Leslie Cornish (right) works with student aide Sarah Rio '94 on a new arrival of "gray cards" from the Admissions Office. These cards, filled out by prospective students, are vital points of information in the recruiting process.

The first step of the recruiting process, of course, is contact with the students. This is done in several ways. Students who are interested in MWC come to campus to meet the coaches and learn about the program. They fill out "gray cards" with high-school information that is later entered into the Athletic Department's data base on prospective students. There are also several national recruiting services which charge prospective student-athletes a fee. These organizations send colleges pertinent information regarding prospective students, and the coaches determine whether they wish to contact them. Those names are also entered into the data base. Alternatively, the MWC Office of Admissions may "discover" a student-athlete.

Athletic Department Secretary Leslie Cornish spends much of her time entering information into the data base and merging letters with the names of prospective students. She also receives the recruiting reports and filters those to all of the coaches. MWC employs 11 full-time coaches in the 21-sport varsity athletic program.

Contact with prospective students can be personalized through meetings, but more often via phone calls or mailings from the coaches. These letters are first given to Ms. Cornish, who merges the letters with the information in the data base (student's name and high school, for example), and keeps track of all correspondence to students.

Coaches also make visits to see prospective student-athletes perform. Some

Matt Mejia '93, the only male swimmer in MWC history to qualify for NCAA nationals, now assists the Athletic Department by acting as its liaison in the Admissions Office. Mejia joined the admissions staff as a counselor in summer 1993.

go to "popular" tournaments or meets for their respective sports, at times to watch a specific student. Because most high-school seasons are played simultaneously with the college season, many coaches are often too busy to visit students in the high-school setting.

Initial contact with student-athletes may also be made by the MWC Office of Admissions. When the admissions counselors attend college fairs, or high-school information nights, they give out comprehensive athletic brochures to interested students, and their names and addresses are recorded. Those names are then placed on the Athletic Department mailing list, kept in a data base. The Admissions Office allows coaches access to the prospective student's academic information.

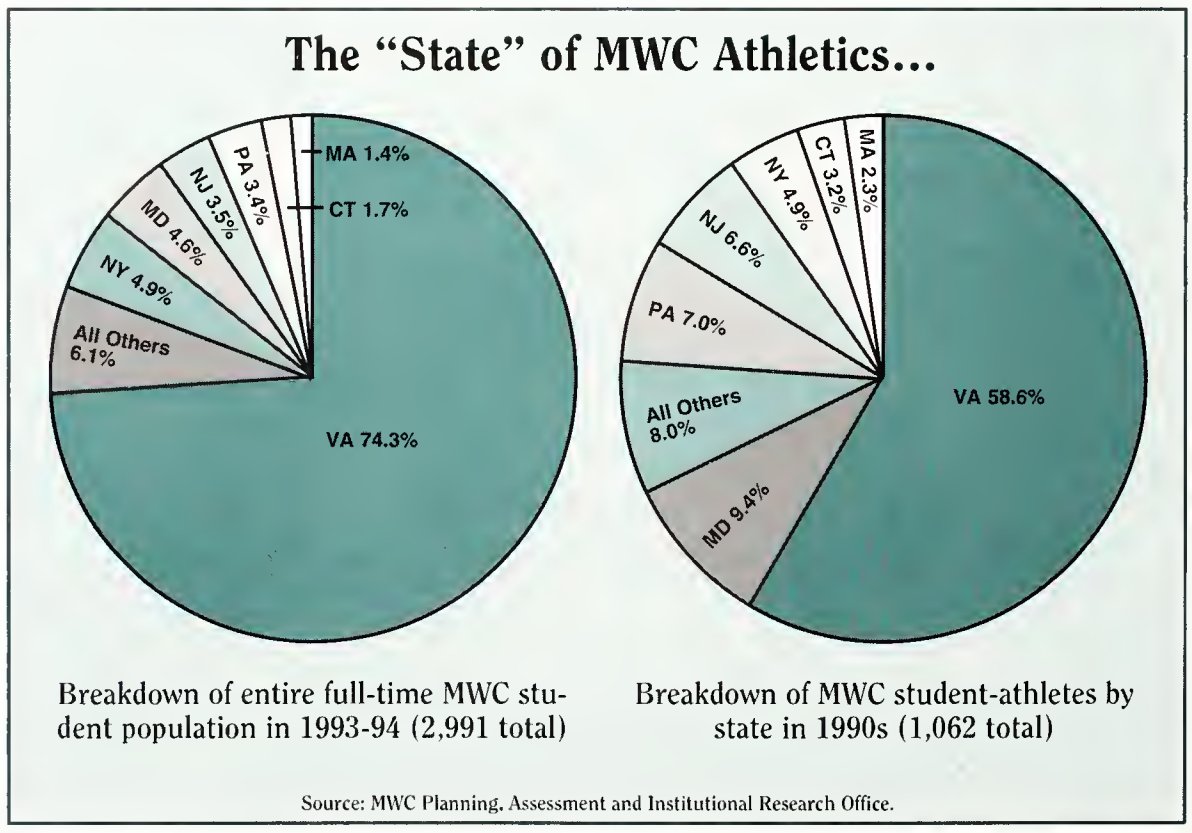
Behind the scenes, MWC coaches busily stay in contact with interested students. The main avenue for coaches is the letter. Some coaches draft several letters for different circumstances, such as an "initial interest" letter or a response letter for specific requests. For example, men's/women's swim coach Paul Richards has seven letters to meet different circumstances. Richards estimates that he initially sends about 3,500 pieces of mail, and, by the end of the year, that number approaches 6,000. To speed up this time-consuming process, coaches can buy mailing labels which have addresses of high-school coaches in a designated area. The high-school coaches, in turn, can send MWC specific names of those interested students. "It's not always a good idea to rely heavily on the high schools because the students don't always get the information until after important deadlines," Richards stated. "I find it's better to talk directly with students."

The sport often determines the type of recruiting the coach prefers. For individual team sports (such as swimming and track and field), coaches can obtain current "best time" reports in the mail or over the phone; therefore, seeing the student in a meet is not critical. But in a sport such as baseball, individual statistics help gauge a player's potential, but seeing a particular performer is more helpful in determining one's potential at MWC.

Head baseball coach Tom Sheridan attends a number of regional tournaments, although he says this type of recruiting takes an "awful lot of time, but I have to go out there and see players." Sheridan, who believes that in a relatively new sport at MWC such as baseball (inception in 1987), many students still haven't heard about the team's success. However, his personal contact with prospective players has been very effective as his teams have made three straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

After initial contact via mailings and/or phone calls, MWC coaches strongly encourage visits to the College, a particularly successful "hook" because of the attractiveness of the campus and the athletic facilities. Coaches continue to keep in touch with students, informing them of application deadlines and talking to them about their school work and athletic accomplishments. The "contact process" begins with high-school juniors, and often continues through May of their senior year.

Ultimately, the Office of Admissions makes the decisions about the acceptance of every student. Coaches are permitted to recommend students to the admissions committee. Coaches can also write recommendation letters to the Admissions Office, saying that they have met and talked with the student and



A recent study (left graph) shows that Virginians represent nearly three-quarters of the full-time undergraduate population at MWC. Meanwhile, a greater diversity of regional population (right graph) has existed among MWC student-athletes since 1990. Scouting services, input from the Admissions Office and research by coaches contribute to a successful recruiting balance.

The women's tennis team is perennially one of the strongest in NCAA Division III, as evidenced by national championships in 1988 and 1991. A main reason is head coach Ed Hegmann's energetic recruiting efforts. Shown here: The 1993 "Ohio Connection" of starting players Kate South (Canfield), Beth Todd (Cincinnati), Trish Whitefield (Newark) and All-American Leslie Roland (Massillon).

Aside from coaching a highly competitive basketball team, Connie Gallahan (in her 17th year at MWC) teaches several phys. ed. classes.

believe that he or she would be a successful student-athlete at MWC. Matt Mejia '93, MWC admissions counselor and athletic liaison, said coaches are urged to be selective and careful with their recommendations. "Essentially, they are putting their reputations on the line with their recommendations," Mejia said. "They know that we maintain very high standards."

At Mary Washington, there are 750 current freshmen who were chosen from 4,300 applicants to become the Class of 1997. The more applicants there are, the more selective the College can be. Therefore, coaches must select students who meet the academic criteria for admission. "It is a waste of time to pursue a great athlete without an excellent academic background because that person just won't be admitted," Coach Sheridan explained.

Intercollegiate athletics indeed are a major contributor to the overall package that MWC offers. One reason for this is that all MWC coaches have been here at least four years and can offer a sense of stability. The majority of coaches are also full-time faculty members, so they are usually on campus and accessible to students.

The success of the Athletic Department has steadily evolved since the early '80s, but in the past several years the number of teams achieving national success has skyrocketed. In the last four years, the volleyball team has posted a 118-40 record with two straight NCAA appearances in '90 and '91. The baseball

The men's soccer team has made several NCAA Tournament appearances since the mid-1980s, and has also won three straight CAC titles.

team is 69-27 in the '90s. Before 1990, the softball team was 36-53 but since has compiled a record of 60-33 with an NCAA appearance in '92 and ECAC trips in '91 and '93. The women's swim team has a 28-6 record in the '90s, and finished a best-ever 11th in the nation in '93. In the last four years, the women's field hockey team has a 60-14-2 record with NCAA Tournament appearances in '91 and '93. MWC went 22-2 and advanced to the NCAA Division III Championship game, held at the Battleground Complex. The women's soccer team has a 50-21-6 record over the past four years with three NCAA appearances, including a third-place finish in '92.

Women's tennis and riding have had perennial success and have paved the way for the Eagles on the national scene. The women's tennis team has won three national championships ('82-AIAW, '88 and '91-NCAA), has had seven NCAA semifinal or final appearances in 12 years and a 262-61 record since MWC's first NCAA Division III Tournament trip in

'82. The riding team has made a number of national appearances, including last year's Region VII champion team, finishing fourth at nationals. "This success is really a tribute to our student-athletes," said Hegmann. "They are the ones who have to perform week in and week out."

Eagle teams have had unprecedented success in the '90s. Before 1990, the men's tennis team had only four winning seasons out of 13, but since is 30-12 with three straight CAC titles and the 1993 state crown to its credit. The men's lacrosse team overcame 2-10 seasons in '91 and '92 to go 9-4 in 1993. Men's soccer, which hosted the NCAA South Regionals in '93, has strung a four-year record of 60-16-5. In the latter half of the 1980s, the women's basketball team went just 32-87, but since has accumulated a 50-31 record, including a 19-7 mark in 1992-93.

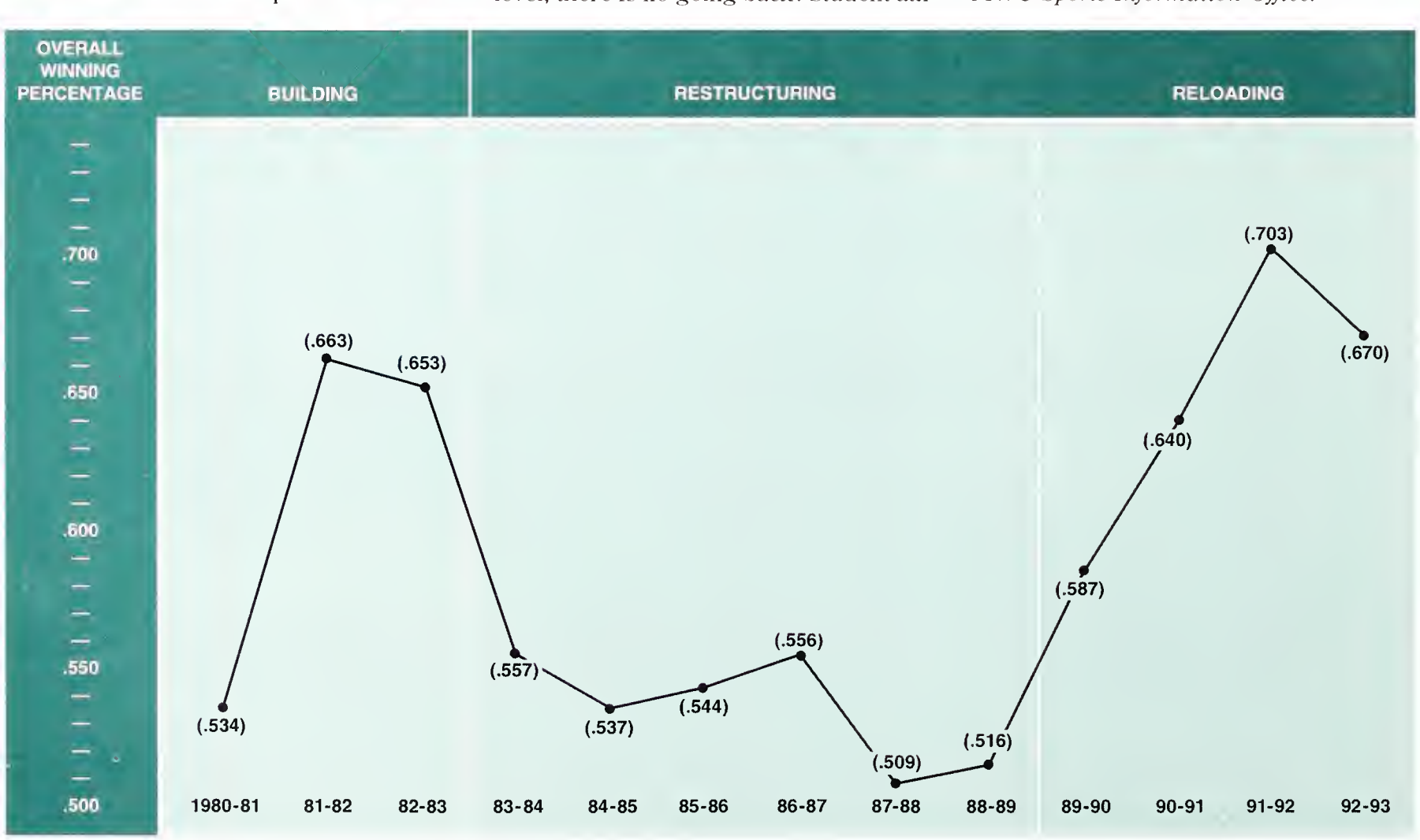
An overall winning percentage of about .700 since the late 1980s is a tribute to the work that the athletic administration, coaches, and admissions staff put into recruiting student-athletes. The main goal for everyone involved is to make a name for MWC athletics.

The more national exposure Eagle teams gain, the more recognition and attention the Athletic Department draws.

The MWC softball team — winners of three straight Capital Athletic Conference titles — lost just two seniors to graduation in '93. Effective recruiting ensures smooth transitions from season to season.

This attracts even more quality student-athletes to the athletic program. "Success in any sport helps the others as well," Sheridan said. And, according to Richards, "Once you get to a certain level, there is no going back. Student-athletes know the success that coaches and athletes have achieved here and come here hoping to carry on that tradition."

Sarah B. Hertz '94 is an intern in the MWC Sports Information Office.



When building a successful athletic program, win-loss results tend to be cyclical, as has been the case for MWC since 1980. In the early '80s, MWC prospered with established programs, such as women's tennis and women's volleyball, leading the way. Overall winning percentage dipped in the late '80s as a number of varsity sports were added, including women's soccer (1986), men's lacrosse (1987), baseball (1988) and softball (1988). The '90s again show an upward rise because of the rapid development (bolstered by strong recruiting) of the newer teams, coupled with the continued success of the established ones.

On Campus

MWC Again Nationally Recognized

Once again, MWC has been recognized in a national magazine for being one of the best buys in college education. MONEY magazine has rated Mary Washington College as Virginia's best buy in higher education, outranking five other Virginia state colleges and universities on the list. MWC also ranked number 32 among all four-year colleges and universities nationwide. "When you measure quality, we really are an exceptional college by anybody's standard," said MWC President William M. Anderson Jr.

The selection of 100 colleges and universities for MONEY magazine's list was based on criteria such as cost, faculty resources, entrance requirements, library resources, freshman retention and graduation rates. More than 3,000 colleges and universities were surveyed.

The New College of the University of South Florida topped the national list, followed by Rice University and Rutgers College. James Madison University ranked 37, Washington and Lee University ranked 45, the University of Virginia ranked 52, Emory and Henry College ranked 63, the College of William and Mary 75, and Virginia Tech ranked 91.

"On one hand we're delighted we're in there," commented President Anderson, "and yet I think we [would] rank in the top 10 nationally if our state funding were better." But he gave a plug for all the state's colleges in a pitch for more funding. "I think if you look at Mary Washington College, U.Va., all the colleges are sliding...and that's unfortunate," he said. "A quality institution is difficult to build, but it doesn't take much at all to destroy it. I think that if we had adequate state funding, we would have clearly been moved way up in those polls. But we're delighted we're still in there."

In recent years, MWC has been recognized in many national publications, including *U.S. News and World Report, Peterson's Competitive Colleges,* and *Barron's 300: Best Buys in College Education.*

Renée Herrell, director of Career Services, demonstrates Career Search software.

Career Search Data Bank

Last spring the Office of Career Services acquired a sophisticated software package known as Career Search. The funding was provided from contributions to the Annual Fund, primarily from recent graduates and parents. Director of Career Services Renée Herrell engineered the acquisition, which is expected to provide many students and alumni with a jump-start on their job hunts.

Career Search is a data bank of more than 210,000 U.S. companies. Individual companies may be researched in numerous cross-referenced combinations as to the type of company or industry, geographic region, number of employees, and annual sales figures. While the package does not list individual job openings, it develops a company profile and includes the names and addresses of the primary officers of the company such as the CEO and personnel director. Career Search data is updated several times each year. Herrell notes that the primary advantage of the system is the time it saves in researching companies for which an individual might like to work. Numerous volumes of directories would have to be consulted to provide the same kind of information that Career Search provides at the keyboard of a computer.

Alumni and students who wish to use Career Search should call ahead to schedule time through the Office of Career Services at (703) 899-4626.

Ray Merchent Retires

After 34 years of service to the College, Ray Merchent has retired. He came to MWC in 1959 as registrar and instructor of education. He has also been department chair, director of admissions, and vice president of continuing education. He was appointed as executive

Executive Vice President A. R. Merchent retired in October.

At his going-away party, Mickey Dowdy received a framed poster announcing the Margaret Sutton exhibition.

vice president in 1980 and retired from that post at the end of October 1993.

The College will not seem the same without Mr. Merchent, but alumni and friends will be able to catch him on the lecture circuit at chapter events in the D.C.-Metro area. By now Mr. Merchent has already finished painting his garage — one immediate goal he set for retirement. He also hopes to earn a private pilot's license!

Mickey Dowdy Moves to MCV

Michael B. "Mickey" Dowdy, who served as vice president for College Advancement at MWC for the past nine years, has left the College. In October, Mr. Dowdy took over as executive vice president of the Medical College of Virginia Foundation.

During his stay at MWC, Dowdy led a successful capital campaign — the College's first — which raised $6,329,407, two years ahead of schedule. As executive director of the MWC Alumni Association, he presided over a period of increased growth and programming. All his friends at the College, in the Alumni Association, and in the Fredericksburg community wish him success in his new position.

⚜ ⚜ ⚜ Nominations Sought ⚜ ⚜ ⚜

No one knows yet who will receive the next Grellet C. Simpson Award, but you can have a voice in the decision-making process. Presented annually as part of the Commencement ceremony, the award honors a member of the faculty for exceptional teaching.

In April, a selection committee convened by the provost of the College will meet to consider all nominations — and its selection will be kept secret until the award presentation in May.

All members of the Mary Washington College community — students, faculty, alumni and friends — are encouraged to send letters of nomination to Dr. Philip L. Hall, provost. All current full-time teaching faculty of Mary Washington are eligible for consideration. Letters should be convincing and specific, describing in detail the attributes, activities and teaching accomplishments of the nominee.

Default Rate at Mary Washington = Zero

The Financial Aid Office at MWC has achieved the highest rating possible for its administration of the federally funded student Perkins Loan Program.

The College's default rate is zero for academic year 1992-93, based on the federal formula. Colleges with high loan default rates have been warned in recent years that they will be dropped from the program.

Maria J. Manolis, senior support technician in the Financial Aid Office, has been responsible for the collections program during the past year.

According to Robert U. MacDonald, associate dean for financial aid, Mary Washington College awards approximately $114,000 per year to students through the federal program. Awards are made on the basis of a federal need-based formula to between 60 and 100 Mary Washington College students per year.

"We always seem to hear about how bad the loan default rate is at some colleges across the country," commented MacDonald. "It's good to know that most colleges have a very good record for loan repayments and that some even achieve a default rate of zero."

The Perkins Loans range from $500 to $3,000 per year at Mary Washington. The loans are just one part of the financial aid program, which coordinates aid awards totaling more than $8.6 million per year.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

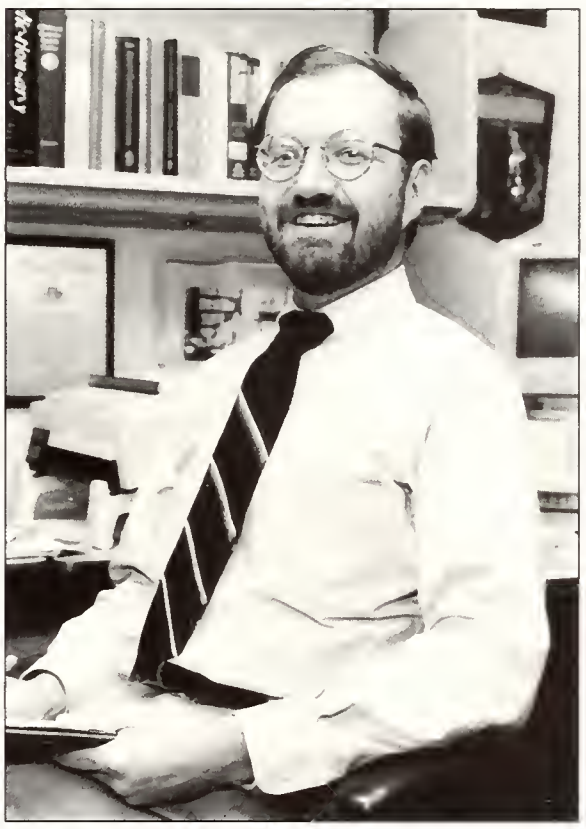
Taddesse Adera, assistant professor of English, chaired a session titled "Famine, War and Literature," at the Modern Language Association of America conference in Toronto, Canada. He presented a paper, "Waiting for the Harvest: Images of Loss, Waste, Hopelessness and Disintegration in B. Zerihun's *Maeibel*," and attended the Executive Committee meeting of the MLA's African Literature Division.

Mehdi Aminrazavi, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, had an article selected for publication in the winter 1992 issue of *Islamic Studies* titled "Iranshahri: Life and Views on Time and Space."

James E. Baker, distinguished professor of music, attended a special conductor's workshop in Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic. Dr. Baker was one of 14 conductors worldwide to participate, conducting daily rehearsals of the Filharmonic Hradec Kralove and studying the music of Czech composers. Two public concerts were presented at the workshop's conclusion.

Jack Bales, reference and bibliographic instruction librarian, is the author of a recently published book, *Kenneth Roberts*. The work chronicles the life and writings of Roberts, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Bales presented a program on his research in Kennebunkport, Maine, where Roberts resided until his death in 1957.

Carole J. Corcoran, associate professor of psychology, presented a paper, "What's Race Got To Do With It?: Denial, Resistance, and Aversive Racism," at the sixth annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education in New Orleans, La.



Jack Bales' book on Maine historical novelist Kenneth Roberts has just been published.

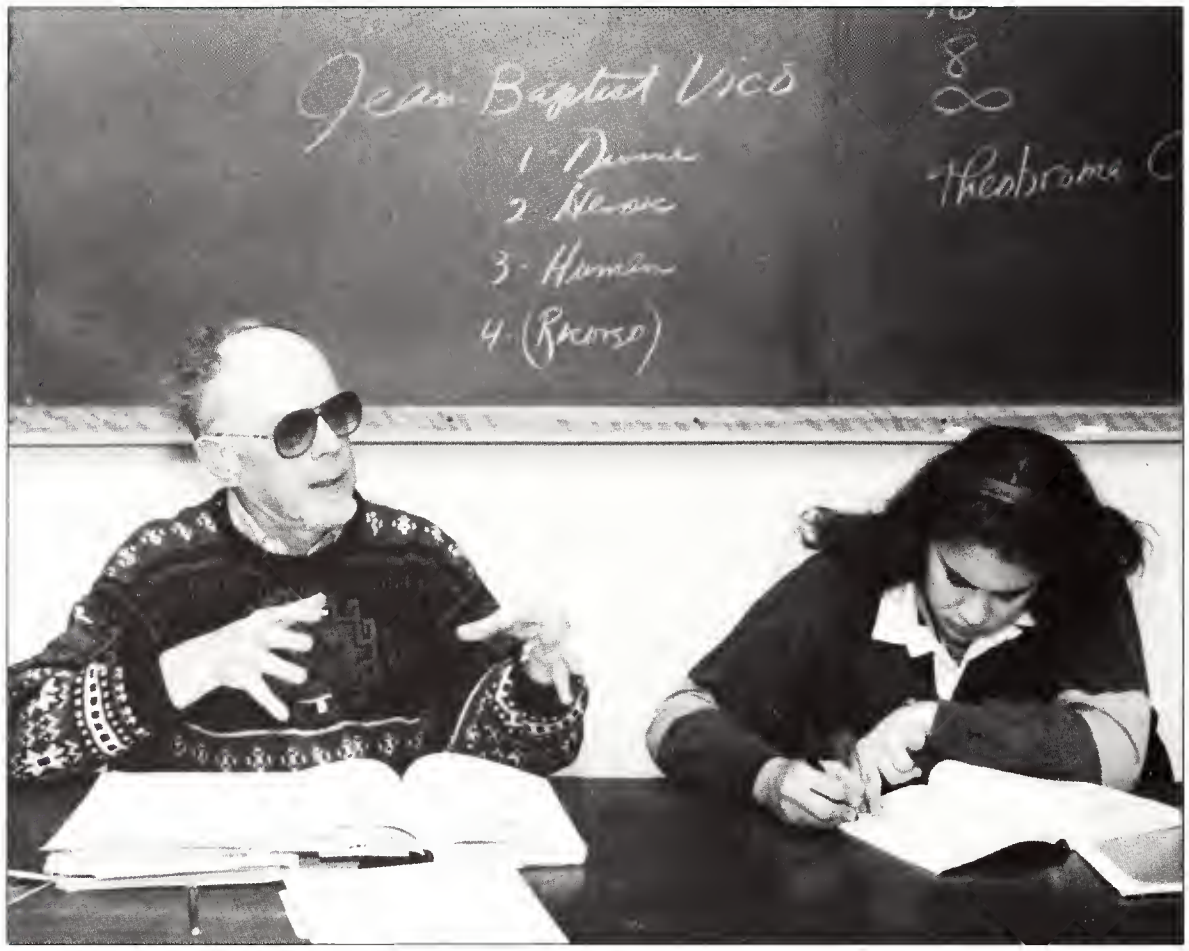
Steven L. Czarsty, professor of business administration, has been elected Eastern Area Vice President of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA). Dr. Czarsty will be responsible for legislative liaison, chapter formation and annual meetings of his nine-state region. At the national level, he will serve on the Executive Committee, Finance Committee and the Membership Services Committee.

Daniel A. Dervin, professor of English, is the author of "'See?' Said She, Pointing," a short story published in a special 10th anniversary issue of *The MacGuffin*. He also wrote an article, "A Psychoanalytical Approach to Language Acquisition," which was published in the summer 1993 edition of *Psychoanalytic Review*.

James E. Goehring, associate professor of religion, was named to the advisory board of the *Journal of Early Christian Studies*.

Roy F. Gratz, professor of chemistry, was awarded a summer faculty fellowship through the American Society for Engineering Education, and spent 10 weeks working at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton doing polymer research to help develop new materials for use in high speed civil transport. He holds several patents through NASA for monomers and polymers with potential applications in the aerospace industry.

Carol Corcoran and her psychology class explored the topic of human diversity while sampling foods from various cultures.



Dan Dervin elaborated on his topic in a class on Studies in English Literature.

Christopher Kilmartin, assistant professor of psychology, is the author of *The Masculine Self*, a textbook on the psychology of men, published by MacMillan Publishing Co. of New York. He presented a workshop on gender socialization at the Virginia Rehabilitation Association Conference in Roanoke, Va., and gave the keynote speech on the psychology of men to a group of student leaders at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown, Va.

Margaret A. Klayton, assistant professor of business administration, wrote "Using Marketing Research to Improve University Programs," an article published in the spring issue of the *Journal of Professional Services Marketing.*

Richard J. Krickus, professor of political science, presented a lecture, "Ethnic Conflict Resolution in the Former Soviet Union," at the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C.

Robert L. McConnell, professor of environmental sciences and geology, traveled to Barcelona, Spain, to present a paper and chair a session on waste management at the Second International Conference on Environmental Pollution (ICEP-2). The conference was sponsored by the European Centre for Pollution Research, the U.N. Environment Programme, the Department of the Environment of Catalonia, Spain, and UNESCO. He has also been named as advisory board member of the Alliance for a Paving Moratorium, an activist public interest group based in Sebastopol, Calif.

Patricia L. Metzger, associate professor of business administration, delivered several three-day training sessions titled "Job Corps Center Financial Report and Operating Budget Analysis" in Dallas, Kansas City and San Francisco.

At the state conference of the Virginia Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers in Wintergreen, Va., Forrest A. Parker, vice president for multicultural affairs, presented a program on recruiting and retaining a diverse student body. Parker also made a presentation on career opportunities in post secondary education at the eighth annual spring conference of the Virginia Admissions Council on Black Concerns Inc., held in Richmond, Va. The topic was "Equality Through Education: Promises and Paradigms." Parker has been elected president of the board of directors of Project Discovery Inc., a nationwide early intervention program for low income and at-risk high school students, based in Richmond, Va.

John N. Pearce, assistant professor and associate director of the Center for Historic Preservation, has been appointed director of the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library in Fredericksburg. He previously served as director of planning and programs at the museum.

Mary B. Rigsby, assistant professor of English, has been selected to participate in the annual reading and scoring of Advanced Placement examinations in English sponsored by the College Board.

Mark J. Rozell, associate professor of political science, is the author of "Spin Control and the President's Image," published as the lead article in the fall 1993 issue of *Political Science Quarterly*. Dr. Rozell also gave a presentation on the 1993 Virginia elections to the Fairfax County "Boxwood Forum," a meeting at Tyson's Corner, Va., sponsored by the Washington Gas Co. Rozell has also written a book chapter, "Professional Objectivity in State Political Reporting," which appears in the 1993-94 edition of *State Government*, published by Congressional Quarterly Press. Rozell, a political analyst, is often called upon by the media. In the 1993 Virginia campaign, he was interviewed by CNN Headline News, FOX-TV, WUSA-TV, National Public Radio, Monitor Radio, *The New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *USA Today*, *L.A. Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *National Review*, *Common Cause Magazine*, and numerous other news media both in Virginia and out of state.

Robert S. Rycroft, professor of economics, attended the International Symposium on Forecasting in Pittsburgh, Pa. He served on the panel "Reflections on Forecasting Software: Is It Meeting Our Needs?" and discussed the use of forecasting software in the classroom.

Janet F. Wishner, professor of philosophy, led a workshop on "The Nature of Moral Society" at the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs at Georgetown University.

Grant R. Woodwell, associate professor of geology, was a short course instructor at the national meeting of the Geological Society of America in Boston, Mass. His subject was "Computer Mapping at Your Desk That Really Works," and his co-instructors were Russell Ambroziak of the U.S. Geological Survey and Renee Wicks, an MWC senior from Burnsville, Pa.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

August

"Landscapes," an exhibition of 19th and 20th century landscape paintings drawn from MWC's permanent collection, as well as private collections in the Fredericksburg area, opened at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. The display featured works by Milton Avery, William Langston Lathrop, Phyllis Ridderhof Martin and Gari Melchers, among others.

September

Author B.A. Phillips '48 read from her work of short fiction, *Goodbye, Friends*, at the MWC Bookstore. The reading was

part of the Poetry/Fiction Readers Series...Steve's House Dance Collective, a performance-art group based in Richmond, Va., presented "The Vineyard and Other Intoxications," an informal concert of dance, music and poetry. The group's goal is to "bridge...communication between artists, performers and [the] public." Director Ray Eliot Schwartz was a resident instructor for dance classes at MWC for a week.

October

The Department of Dramatic Arts and Dance presented "1, 2 & 4," three one-act plays directed by Rosemary Ingham, costume shop and design supervisor. The plays selected were "Bomber Raids" by Robert Ingham, "Hidden in This Picture" by Aaron Sorkin and "Sure Thing" by David Ives...The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra presented its first concert of the season, featuring the Kayser Trio, a string ensemble which includes Leonid Sushansky on violin, Glenn Fischbach on cello and Eva Maria Alexandre on piano. Mr. Sushansky, founder of the trio, is violin-viola instructor at MWC and serves as concert master of the College-Community Orchestra. Mr. Fischbach is associated with the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, and Ms. Alexandre, a native of Germany, currently performs out of London, England..."Seeds of Conflict: Biodiversity and Food Security," was the subject of the 10th annual World Food Day teleconference, in which potential conflicts between rapidly shrinking amounts of crop space and increasing demands for world food production were discussed. Organized by the U.S. National Committee for World Food Day, a coalition of 450 private voluntary groups, the annual teleconference was supported by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and agencies of the U.S. government...Well-known folk singer Arlo Guthrie, who began his career in 1967 at the Newport Folk Festival with his now famous "Alice's Restaurant Massacree," performed in concert. Guthrie has toured extensively across the U.S. and Canada over the past 25 years, playing keyboards, 6- and 12-string guitar and harmonica. Son Abe's band, XAVIER, opened for him at his campus appearance..."James Monroe's Presidential Tours" was the subject of the sixth annual James Monroe lecture, which was given by Dr. Noble L. Cunningham Jr., curators' professor of history at the University of Missouri-Columbia...Saffire, The Uppity Blues Women, headlined a benefit performance as part of AIDS Awareness Week. Other AIDS activities included: Eric Hampton Dance in concert; displays of NAMES Project quilt panels and demonstrations

Arlo Guthrie.

of the unfolding ceremony; several films, videos, panel discussions, and a candlelight observance...The Fredericksburg Singers, under the direction of Dr. Stephen J. Burton, presented its fall concert. It featured sacred choral music from the 18th century to the present, and premiered a work by former MWC student David Kidwell, "Remember Me," for string quartet and two vocal soloists. The group is comprised of MWC students and singers from the Fredericksburg area, including a number of former and current MWC faculty members...The Australian String Quartet performed in concert. Established in 1985, the Quartet has consistently won critical acclaim for the concerts it has given internationally in cities extending from Shanghai to Moscow, from London to Venice and throughout North America, establishing a particularly fine reputation for its performances of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven...The Department of Dramatic Arts and Dance, with Professor Michael Joyce directing, presented "Les Belles Soeurs," a comedy by Michael Tremblay...At its fall concert, the MWC Chorus featured music from the Renaissance through the 20th century by composers such as Passereau, Brahms, Schubert, Kubik and Berger...Dr. Donald N. McCloskey, director of the Project in Rhetoric of Inquiry at the University of Iowa, was on campus as Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar. Dr. McCloskey was educated as an economist, taught price theory and economic history for 12 years at the University of Chicago, and has been a professor at Iowa since 1980.

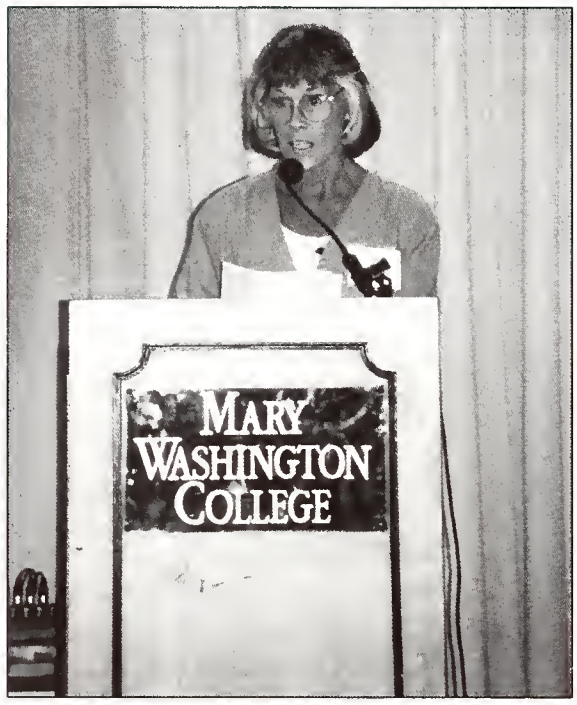
Steve's House Dance Collective.

Alumni News

Alumni Leadership Conference

The Alumni Association marked the beginning of the 1993-94 academic year with its biennial Leadership Conference. Chaired by President-elect Edith Sheppard Ott '59, the conference brought nearly 90 alumni back to campus Sept. 10-11. Through a program that focused on the College, the group of past, present and future alumni leaders learned about recent developments and current initiatives. Faculty and administrators addressed such topics as curriculum developments, admissions, international and multicultural activities, graduate and continuing education, teacher education, career services, Community Outreach and the honor system.

In conjunction with the Leadership Conference, the Alumni Association hosted a reception at Trench Hill honoring the faculty, and hopes this will become an annual event. Conference participants included members from the Class of 1930 to the Class of 1993 and included longtime volunteers as well as recent graduates.



Edith Sheppard Ott '59 welcomes conference participants.

Bobbie Burton '74 provides details on the conference schedule.

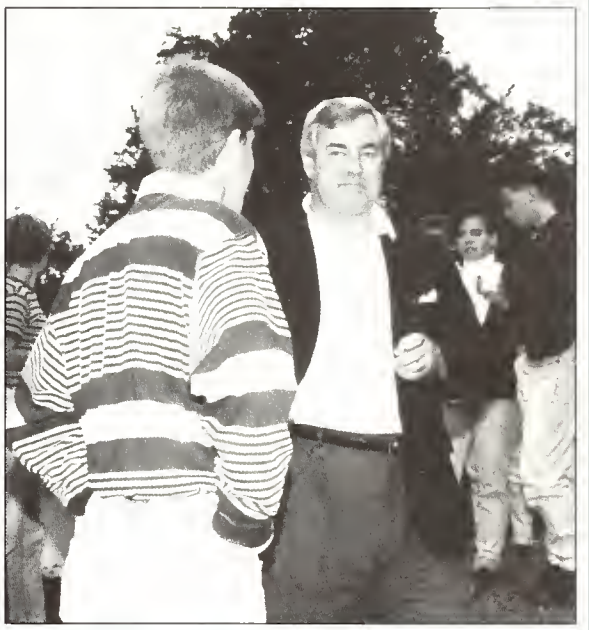
Mickey Dowdy, former vice president for College Advancement, updates the audience on fund-raising progress and plans.

Conference participants included, from left, Bob Boughner, faculty representative to the alumni board, Abas Adenan '85, new member of the board of visitors, and other recent graduates.

Faculty members George King and Carol Manning were members of a panel on innovations and initiatives at the College.

Homecoming '93

Crowds of alumni from recent graduating classes caught up with campus friends on a beautiful autumn Homecoming day in October. Athletic contests were held throughout the day: women's soccer, men's rugby, men's soccer, men's lacrosse and volleyball. At Trench Hill, the Alumni Association hosted an after-the-game(s) party, which added to a weekend of fun.



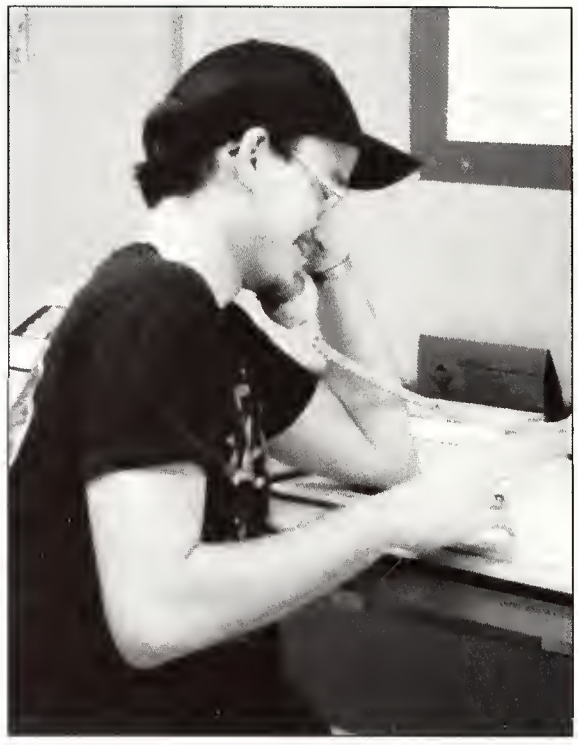
Donor/Recipient Scholarship Luncheon

More than 80 people attended the annual luncheon for donors of scholarships and the student recipients, held in November in the Green Room of Seacobeck Dining Hall. In his remarks, President Anderson announced that five endowed scholarships had been received since last year's event, bringing the College's total of endowed scholarships to 58.

Regional Scholars like Stacey Walker '97 particularly realize how important alumni and parent support is to MWC, since a portion of the money raised during the phonathon contributes to the Regional Scholarship Program.

Last year Petra H.M. Travis '95 was appointed student chair of the Annual Fund Phonathon. Petra, a biology major from Virginia Beach, worked hard in the fall recruiting and scheduling student volunteer callers. The hard work has really paid off, because Petra reports: "After making 13,000 phone calls and eating 4,000 candy bars and 825 pizza slices, **we raised over $325,000 from 4,400 MWC alumni and parents!** That's a 12 percent increase over this time last year! Approximately 50 percent of the specified pledges were new or increased, and the average pledge this year was $74.50 (which is an 8 percent increase over last year).

"The energy and pride our student volunteers committed to the fall phonathon is truly admirable," Petra said, "but their job is not quite finished. We still need to raise $75,000 in the spring, so our callers are preparing for the spring phonathon Feb. 7 to March 3, 1994. Once again, we'll be counting on their help!"



James Mothershead '95 says there are two reasons he enjoys working at the phonathon: talking with alumni and eating all the pizza he wants!

Phonathon Report

San Tham '96, left, and Kirsten Stewart '96, right, know that the phonathon is a lot of fun, especially when you work with a friend! San and Kirsten are also active members of the Student-Alumni Relations Committee.

Alumna Wins Jamestowne Society Grant

Rebecca Blevins Faery '76, former director of college writing at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., is the winner of the Jamestowne Society Grant for 1993.

The Jamestowne Society is a 4,000-member group of people who can trace their lineage to someone from the Jamestown Colony in Virginia prior to 1700. The Society gives grants to historians and researchers whose work focuses on pre-1700 Virginia history.

Ms. Faery earned her MWC bachelor's degree with highest distinction and with honors in English and earned her master's in English writing from Hollins College, where she maintained a 4.0 grade point average. Faery remained at Hollins as coordinator of writing, director of the Writing Center and lecturer in English until 1987. Since then, she has held similar positions at the University of Iowa, where she completed the course requirements for her doctorate, again achieving a 4.0 GPA.

The Jamestowne Society Grant will help support her research in the 17th century accounts of Pocahontas' living with the Jamestown settlement and of her stay in England. This project is part of Ms. Faery's doctoral thesis. She has returned to Iowa to complete it.

Dr. Edward Alvey Jr., dean emeritus, is a past governor of the Jamestowne Society. "I was delighted to learn that an MWC graduate has had such a distinguished career," he said. "And I was doubly pleased that she has earned this recognition from the Jamestowne Society."

The Heritage Society

Anne Scott's Bequest Will Create a Scholarship Fund in Chemistry

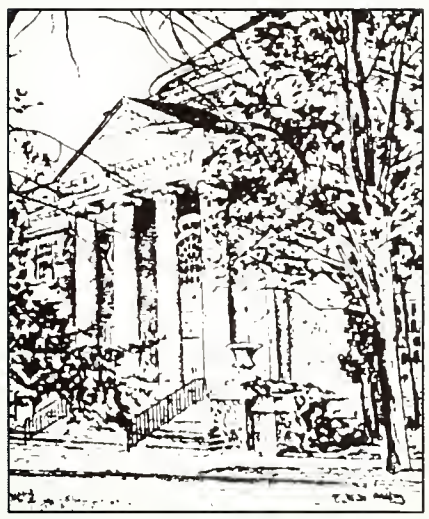
Anne Hope Scott '59 has been a member of the Heritage Society since 1988. That's the year in which she wrote to the College to say that she has included Mary Washington College in her will, and plans to leave the major portion of her estate to the College. Her bequest is to be used to establish a scholarship for women students with demonstrated financial need who major in chemistry.

Anne's plan takes advantage of one of the important benefits of including the College in her will. By arranging a bequest, she will have the use of her estate during her lifetime, but also assure that it will benefit future generations of young women.

Anne is currently a consumer safety officer with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in the headquarters office in Rockville, Md. Prior to moving to Rockville, Anne was a chemist in several field offices, including those in Atlanta, New Orleans and Baltimore.

Anne enjoys traveling as well as riding her bicycle. In August of this year, she cycled from Banff to Jasper in the Canadian Rockies.

In talking about her bequest, Anne said, "I wanted to do this because I believe that the need is great for financial assistance to be made available to worthy students at Mary Washington College." Anne's bequest will be used to establish a permanent endowment known as the Anne Hope Scott Chemistry Scholarship Fund.



Endowments for scholarship funds and for support of faculty development and salaries are two of the major areas for which bequests and deferred gifts are being sought in the College's next capital campaign. In many instances, as with Anne Scott's bequest, it is possible to establish a named fund that will honor or memorialize the donor, family members or a special friend.

If you would like specific information about establishing a bequest or other planned gift, please write or call:

Robert F.R. Peters Jr.
Director of Special Gifts
Mary Washington College Foundation
P.O. Box 1908 College Station
Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1908
(703)899-4555

Reunion Weekend

June 3-5, 1994

Friday's Traditional Rose Garden Welcome
Dinner at Seacobeck
Stay in Residence Halls
"Reunion College" Classes
Campus Tours
Saturday's Picnic at the Fountain and Class Pictures
Foundation Reception for Honored Classes
Awards Banquet
Slide Show
"Last Hurrah" Party
Sunday Service

Reunions for classes ending in "4" and "9"
...spouses and friends are welcome! You don't have to be a reunioner to come back for the weekend fun!

All reunioners and Golden Society members will receive the Reunion Weekend brochure in April. Be sure to register early!

Having trouble locating a classmate? Contact the Alumni Office for assistance, and please continue to notify the Alumni Office of the whereabouts of your "lost" classmates. We want to be sure they receive the brochure, too.

Attention Non-Reunioners
If you are not a member of a reunion class but would like to receive the Reunion Weekend brochure, call us at (703) 899-4648 or return this form to:

Reunion Weekend '94
MWC Alumni Association
P.O. Box 1315, College Station
Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1315

Name _____

Address _____

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Daytime phone (___) _____

Is this a new address? _____

Class Notes

Goat Notes

1918

Louise Milbourne Clarke
3020 Kenbury Road
Richmond, VA 23235

"Girls," you have missed it again — Homecoming! It was wonderful, as usual. At the picnic lunch we had 25 at our table, including my granddaughter, **Kathleen Smith Gabrielson** '78 and her whole family. This was my 75th reunion, and I am looking forward to next year.

Keep hoping, and pray! Love to all.

1924

Sue Risheill Perry
227 N. Columbus St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

1934

Mary Virginia Willson
Route 2, Box 217F
Leesburg, VA 22075

I attended Homecoming 1993. Alas, I was the only member of our class at the Golden Society meeting. If you begin planning now to attend Homecoming 1994, you will be marking our 60th class reunion! I am beginning to gather information concerning missing class members. This news will be added to some I have collected over the years. Hopefully, all can be compiled into some form which each of you will get when we meet in May 1994 at MWC for Homecoming.

Florence "Fifi" Johnson Dodge sent word and a newspaper clipping telling about the death of our beloved classmate, **Beatrice "Bea" Child French**, at Pomfret, Conn., on Jan. 28, 1993.

Esther Berntson Pearson and her husband of many years returned from Wisconsin to live in Woodstock, Conn. Unfortunately, Esther lost him in 1992. She and Fifi live fairly close.

Mary Anne Ratner Levy writes from New Jersey that she and Lee, her husband, "are beginning to set down parameters for a someday retirement." Mary Anne also sent notes about her very interesting family. I'll include that material in our reunion news.

Faithful **Nellie Mae Stewart Swank** wrote on her Christmas card that she and Wally have been fairly well this year. Wally's shoulder operation, while successful, took a long time for complete recovery. Since Nellie Mae's son and family live next door, she is able to watch her two lovely granddaughters grow into teenagers. She mentioned that **Lula Lee Llewellyn House** has moved to Overland, Kan., to be near one of her daughters. Her new address is 7300 W. 107th St. 66212.

Another item in Nellie Mae's letter was that **Marion Ells Sharp**'s husband had died. He had been very ill. They had been living in Bridgeton, N.J., for some years. Fortunately, some of their children are also nearby.

Isabelle Walker Spence lives not too far away from Marion in Vineland, N.J. She and Nellie Mae chat via telephone.

How I wish **Eleanor "Choo Choo" Dickerson Van Train** lived nearer! I'd put her energy and enthusiasm immediately to work helping get our 60th reunion ready! She writes from Houston telling of her numerous volunteer activities. She lost her husband a few years ago, so keeps young by helping others. Good for her!

Betty Poole Athey lost her husband of 52 years in 1991. She writes that her three children and wonderful grandchildren live in her area. She has leased her marina, which she operated for many years at Virginia Beach. I think many of you in that area know her marina. She is active in her church (Bayside Baptist) and Ocean Park Woman's Club.

Betty mentioned that she has spoken recently to **Margaret Lambert Reardon** in Jacksonville, Fla. Margaret has returned to MWC for many homecomings. I'm looking forward to seeing her in 1994!

Charlotte Hayes Ridings writes of the many activities she participates in at the Lakewood Retirement Home in Richmond. She mentioned that there are other MWC "gals" there also. Charlotte was a member of our class for two years before she left to get training in nursing. In later years she returned to teaching.

Ethel Alvis Evan's son, Thomas, wrote me from Appomattox, Va., that Ethel had died in 1992.

Hazel Parson Ellis wrote a long, newsy letter. She planned to leave Richmond, where she has been living 38 years. Many of those years were spent working at the Virginia Department of Education. She has three daughters. One is a guidance counselor in the Fairfax County schools. That daughter's stepson is a freshman at MWC this year. Hazel is moving to Winston-Salem, N.C., to be near another daughter. She will be in Independence Village in that very interesting city.

Hazel mentioned that she had talked to **Hazel Allen** in Seattle, Wash., recently. She started with us in 1930 and completed her degree in 1933 because she attended three summer sessions. Hazel still works part time and enjoys it.

Jo Griffith Kleiner has returned from Stuart, Fla., permanently. Since last fall she has been in a nursing home near her Sherwood, Md., home. Her husband, Murray, her sister, Betty, and I keep in touch. I have not been able to visit her but hope to do so soon. Her husband visits her daily. Betty and some of her family are also able to get by and brighten up her days quite often.

William M. Kelly, executor, wrote that **Elsie Clark** had died in 1991. If anyone reading this can send more facts about Elsie, please do so.

If I have overlooked anyone who has written since my last Class Notes column appeared, I apologize. Please write or phone me.

1. Now that you have read Class Notes, *please* go and mark 60th class reunion on May 1994!

2. Start planning to be present — you and a class member come together.

3. In the meantime, send me news of yourself as well as anything you know about someone we never mention in the Class Notes. I need this help for the reunion notes.

Thanks! Best wishes until I see you in May 1994.

1936

Ethel Nelson Wetmore
107 Manteo Ave.
Hampton, VA 23661

Hurricane Emily missed the Peninsula, for which we are most grateful. We offer our sympathy to those who were struck by it.

Marjorie Dement Britton '37 and her husband, Billy, visited **Dorothy McGuire Bunch** at her cottage in Sandbridge this past summer.

Ruby Lee Norris phoned me the day before she was to leave for a trip to Denver. She and **Frances Liebenow Armstrong** attended Homecoming. Ruby Lee and **Edith Whittemore Richardson** '43 stayed in an air-conditioned dormitory. Every year Ruby Lee's roommates from her senior year meet for lunch. This year they were at the Tides Inn Golden Eagle Restaurant in Irvington. Present were **Elizabeth Hart Robertson, Audrey Davis Smith, Elizabeth Haley Glass** '37 and Ruby Lee. Ruby Lee has another career along with her writing and photography. One especially good photo was a picture she took of the main spire of the Washington Cathedral. She snapped this photograph when she met there with some members from the Peninsula MWC chapter. She has had invitations to show her photography and read her poems, which have been published. She was able to save her antique boxwoods in this "drought of 1993."

I have enjoyed reading Dr. Alvey's book, *Portrait of a Daughter*, written in memory of his daughter, **Ellen Alvey Montllor** '48. You can order this book from the Alumni Office. In return, a contribution to the Ellen Alvey Montllor Scholarship Fund is suggested. It was nice to meet Ellen when she came to be with her father at our 50th reunion. Our class established a scholarship in his honor, and

gave a portrait of Dr. Alvey to the College.

Page Whitehead Hladky enjoys walking after her morning cup of coffee. She had some flowers in the exceedingly hot and humid summer. She goes to Alexandria once a month to see her sister, who is 94 and lives in a nursing home. Her son, Stephen, and daughter-in-law Hilary, of Cambridge, England, visited her last summer with their children, Robert, Andrew and Kate. Another son, William, daughter-in-law Rell Dean, and baby son Jacob Dean came at the same time. Page works at a thrift shop and sews at home.

Mary Frances Rowe Varner wrote that in a recent issue of *The Washingtonian* magazine about pleasant life in small towns near Washington, Fredericksburg was listed, and among its charms was the liberal arts college, Mary Washington. *The Free Lance-Star* had an article that this year's freshman class is the largest ever. Mary Frances was delighted to get away from 100-degree heat in Washington for a visit to friends in Minnesota. She also spent some time in Wrightsville, N.C., in an apartment on the ocean near her daughter, Mary Susan, and her family. In the spring she went on a real binge of art galleries. According to one art magazine, at that particular time, there were more impressionist paintings on exhibit in this country than in Europe, and Mary Frances saw them all! The Barnes Collection was at the National Gallery in Washington, an exhibit of Sisley's paintings at the Walters Gallery in Baltimore, and the Havermeyer Collection was at the Metropolitan in New York. She also saw the Pisano show in Philadelphia when she went there with her daughter, who had a conference on social work to attend. It was a great experience to see so many wonderful paintings! Mary Frances continues to do volunteer work at the National Cathedral and to serve on some committees. She has been a trustee of the cathedral.

Lula Lee Llewellyn House '34 telephoned me from Overland Park, Kan., where she lives in a retirement home. Lula Lee uses a walker and wheelchair, due to her arthritis. She hears from **Mary Virginia Willson** '34 and Mrs. Dodd, and enjoys reading *MWC Today*.

Mary Frances sent me an article from *The Free Lance-Star* with a picture of the former Hartwood store and post office at the corner of State Routes 705 and 612. It was originally known as the Hemp Store and Post Office when Frank B. Stewart built it about 1890. **Stewart Jones** reminisced about the "glass jars filled with stick candy on a shelf above the door. There was everything — kerosene, gloves, socks, a brown sugar barrel, a white sugar barrel, dried beans and men's overalls. There was a big scale to weigh bags of feed and seed. And the far left corner had a chair and desk for the post office business." Her uncle served as postmaster until his death in 1931. The building has its original tin roof, and the board and batten siding is also original. Stewart has owned it since 1960. It is now rented to a family of three generations. The wide front door was made narrower to look more like a house. Thank you, Mary Frances, for sending me this most interesting article.

The little red barn at the Hartwood Elementary School has a new home across the road in a field owned by Stewart. The barn stood in the way of expansion of the elementary school and its playing fields. School officials were set to tear it down when a group of Hartford residents decided to try to find a way to save it as a symbol of Stafford County's farming past. Stewart was a member of this group, and there was a picture of her wearing a T-shirt with "The Little Red Barn" on it, and the barn being moved. This was also in *The Free Lance-Star* on Sept. 9. Stewart still does volunteer work at Belmont, Gary Melcher's former home, and she belongs to "Citizens to Serve Stafford" and the Soroptimists of Fredericksburg, both civic organizations.

Edna Lovering Roe and her husband have moved to a retirement village in Lake Ridge, Va., and they like it very much. She watered the lawn and her four flowers almost every night during the very dry summer.

MWC now has a public hotline. The number is 899-4949. This free service will deliver information about public events 24 hours a day. How about writing or phoning me?

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Helen Pressley Voris
6086 Old Lawyers Hill Road
Elk Ridge, MD 21227

Our 55th reunion had only two members of the class in attendance. **Marzie "Pinkie" Bennett Stewart** came from Columbia, S.C., and yours truly arrived from Elk Ridge. I had called many classmates, and sent Christmas reminders to a number, and all had very legitimate excuses for not coming. **Emma "Thornie" Crockett Lively** was in a wheelchair following an accident which crushed a foot. **Mary Kettenbeck Gademan** was attending the graduation of a grandson in Georgia. **Lois "Skippy" Milstead Goodwin** was to be in Texas. **Dot Ballance Skinner** had a brother who was very ill, and so it goes.

Pinkie and husband Jack were on their way to Minneapolis to visit their son, and made the College a stop on the way. We enjoyed each other's company for a bit, and sat with the two remaining faculty members we knew — Mrs. Dodd and Dr. Alvey, who had just celebrated his 90th birthday. He is still busily researching and writing.

The staff always takes good care of returning alumni, and the campus is lovely, as usual. It is a pleasure to see it so well taken care of when so many campuses are less so. It is not necessary to wait for a reunion year. Members of the Golden Society are welcome anytime. Y'all come in '94.

1940

Mabel Layman Behrens
Box 117
Dabneys, VA 23102

It was good to get news from those of you who took time to write. I just hope all of you who didn't respond to the Alumni Association's card were just too busy enjoying life!

A year ago, **Virginia Lewis Dalton** sent me a letter she had received from **Kevin R. Uhalde** '93, the recipient of the Darter Scholarship in history. He wrote that he planned to spend the summer in London doing archival research and in Germany studying language. Medieval historical studies was his chosen field at MWC, for graduate school and beyond, and "such an award as this one serves as true encouragement and reassurance."

Virginia's more current news is that she is busy as parliamentarian for six organizations, member and secretary of the Advisory Council of the Medical College of Virginia Department of OB-GYN as well as a member of the MWC Heritage Society and the MWC Washington Society. Her five grandchildren are busy, busy, busy. One planned to be married in September, one received his Ph.D. in July and is working towards his M.D., one received her master's in August and is working towards her Ph.D., one is entering his freshman year in college, and one graduated from U.N.C. and works for a physicians' services company in N.C.

In the fall, Virginia attended a luncheon in Culpeper, Va., along with other MWC alums from the '30s and '40s. Present were **Winnie Hudson Hodgson, Jeanne Davenport Rixey, Alice Fitzhugh Neff, Marjorie Inskeep Bailey, Zillah Rhoades Gutowski** '38 and **Mary Inskeep Carpenter** '38. I just bet Mrs. Bushnell's name came up more than once!

Earlier this year, **Rosella Tuck Davidson** sent me a copy of the obituary for **Mary Landrum Whitehead**, a classmate who was in a Richmond women's club with her. I sent a sympathy card to one of the daughters. Two of the officers in the club are **Elsie Stone Palmore** '44 and **Ann Gregg Woods** '48, and several from the Class of '40 are members — **Maxine Morea Salle, Mary Estes Irby** and **Emma Ziegler Brown**. Emma was recently profiled in an issue of *Style*, a weekly Richmond magazine. She and her husband have two grandchildren — a granddaughter at Cornell University and a grandson in high school. Church work, garden club and Ikebana of Richmond are among Emma's interests, but her main one is her involvement as first vice president of the Retreat Hospital Corporation.

Mary wrote that she and her husband had enjoyed a week at Virginia Beach with their son, his wife and two children and their daughter, her husband and stepson. Upon their return she was given a surprise 75th birthday party. A trip to Ashville, N.C., was planned for September, and in November Mary resumes leadership of the Christmas Adoption Program for Henrico County.

Also celebrating her 75th birthday this year is **Laura Conlon Jamison**, who lives on a farm outside of Poolesville, Md. Laura still works part time with her husband in their real estate firm. They raised six children, four boys and two girls, and have 15 grandchildren, 12 boys and three girls, from the ages of 16 down to 4.

Another classmate who lives on a farm is **Vicky Harris Massie**, who is a retired librarian in Louisa, Va. Her sister, **Louise Harris Massie** '39, lives near her. Vicky wrote that she saw **Elizabeth Frazer Brockman** '38 recently. Elizabeth lives in Orange, Va., and has three sons and four grandchildren.

Jo Lee Fleet Edwards lives in Irvington, Va., and has two married daughters and six

grandchildren, three of whom are in college. She has numerous family members living near her, and she enjoys being with them as well as being active in her church and community. Each winter she and her husband spend two months in Florida. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year with a trip to the Holy Land.

Janice Watson Smith sent an invitation to any classmate passing through the Eastern Shore of Virginia to contact her in Onancock, Va. **Corinna Hammack Lowry** is one who has already visited her. Janice and her husband have been retired for several years, he from his dental practice and she from a part-time office job. They have a daughter, a son, two grandchildren and another on the way. She enjoys church work, bridge, garden club and volunteer work, but recently has been saddened by the death of **Ethel Twyford Gourley** '41, who was her first cousin.

Eugenia Moore Basnight, while doing volunteer work with R.S.V.P. in Williamsburg, Va., saw **Peggy Smith Doley** '37, sister of our classmate, **Annie Jeter Smith**, and they have attended several MWC Peninsula Chapter luncheons together. Eugenia said she enjoyed talking with someone who knew Mary Washington College in the "good ole days."

Piano students at Collegiate School in Richmond are still able to take lessons from **Jane Hatcher Major**, even though she has cut back on her teaching hours. She chose to be more flexible because her husband has had two major operations and has been hospitalized several times because of pneumonia. They still manage to go back to VMI often and home to Clifton Forge for class reunions. Jane usually attends the MWC Richmond Chapter activities if possible, as I do.

The men in **Hilda Harrell Roller**'s life have not had a good year, but the future looks brighter. Her husband had a stroke but is doing well because of his marvelous attitude and her "good nursing" — her comment, not mine! Her son had a heart attack which necessitated a quadruple bypass, but he, too, is doing well. He has three grown daughters, and Hilda's daughter has an 18-month-old son. Other Richmond classmates with whom Hilda has talked are **Senora "Tip" Rawls Tomlinson** and **Connie Hawthorne Thoms**. She visited with **Marion Timberlake Yobs** '39 at a shopping center some time ago. Marion had been Hilda's son's history teacher and was regarded as a "super teacher." When she is in Suffolk, Hilda sees **Helen Clark Moore** quite often. While having lunch at the Virginia Museum one day, Hilda met the daughter of **Margaret "Grundy" Clark Tiffany** '39, who works there and, according to Hilda, is "pretty like her mama." Last year, Hilda was visited by **Lee-Wingate Keith Pappandreou** and husband, **Kay Rucker Wynne** and **Ruth Cheshire Kleina**. Ruth has returned to Kingston, N.Y., to be near her two daughters and two grandsons. She keeps busy playing bridge and volunteering at the Kingston Hospital.

Bridge is also a hobby for **Ellen Smoot Lee** in Kilmarnock, Va., though she insists that her main one is trying to keep herself and some other "girls" independent. MWC has a special place in her heart for many reasons, but especially because she met her husband of 42 years through a classmate, **Margaret Cutler Dyer**, cousin of his. She and her husband worked for the local newspaper following his WWII service in the Navy. Her job as proofreader lasted for 25 years, and she is now retired from that and the real estate business. She has a son whose job with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service afforded the opportunity to travel in the USA and Europe while visiting him, his wife and three children. Since her husband's death, she has lived alone with her little dog, but now her son has been transferred to Langley Air Force Base, and she is looking forward to seeing him often.

An "occasional" bridge player is **Eleanor Small Overton**, that is, if she has time after her active participation in the Triangle Chapter of the Mary Washington College Alumni Association and working with Meals on Wheels. Other activities revolve around her five children and their spouses, 10 grandchildren and three of their spouses and three great-grandchildren. A third great-grandchild is expected in January. Eleanor lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Also expecting a great-grandchild, her first, is **Ruth Daniel Curtis** in Fairfax, Va. She has been busy sewing for the baby's room. She has three children and eight grandchildren ranging in age from 3 to 26, so does a lot of babysitting for the four youngest. She also enjoys cross-stitching, gardening, walking, and visiting with her family.

According to her letter, **Gail Smith Wood** "lives a quiet life in Fort Washington, Md., caring for house, lawn, garden and birds. How *blessed* can a person be?" She does volunteer work, attends continuing education conferences and seminars to keep herself from "becoming too dull in retirement." She also enjoys her work at 300-year-old St. John's Broadcreek Episcopal Church. Gail has one granddaughter beginning college this year, another completing college in June and a grandson in grade 10. These are children of her daughter, **Virginia Wood Burch** '70. A cruise to Bermuda was Gail's gift to the high school graduate and not only was it "wonderfully elegant but an educational trip as well."

Dorothy DeHart Leary is involved in church work and is more or less active in the Meherrin River Branch of AAUW as well as the Lawrenceville, Va., Garden Club. She retired from the Brunswick County Library after 15 enjoyable years and is currently a volunteer docent for the Brunswick County Museum, which is housed in the old library building where she had spent so many happy years.

Another classmate, **Leighton Stevens Dopp**, was given a huge birthday "bash" by her children — one girl, three boys — and six grandchildren, to mark her 75 years. Leighton has traveled to Greece, Alaska, Hawaii, the New England states plus the National Parks in the USA and Canada. She taught phys. ed. for 20 years and currently keeps in shape by walking a mile daily and exercising four times a week.

From Columbia, Mo., **Jane Day Casati** wrote of her concern for the education of children and the wish that somehow the accumulated practical knowledge of our class could be shared with others struggling to help. She tries to do her part by volunteering in the public schools. She wrote that because of the Missouri floods, getting children back in school is difficult or impossible because of the condition of roads, bridges and railroads. The cleanup and rebuilding is slow and disheartening, and many families are still homeless.

Once again I am planning a fall cruise, my third on the *QE2*. After the heat and drought of the summer of 1993, it will be good to get away from the damages done by the elements. I hope that those of you who chose teaching as a profession have been fortunate enough to attend reunions at the schools at which you taught, as I have been. It has been especially interesting to attend the 50-year ones, for the students and I seem to be the same age now, and they delight in calling me by my first name! It has given me quite a "warm and fuzzy" feeling to hear so many appreciative and complimentary things from my teaching of typing during my three years at Louisa County High School. It was the first opportunity those youngsters had to take the subject, and at each reunion I am told how valuable the class has been, and still is, to them.

Four years ago I became a charter member and later secretary of an organization we named Educators Hall of Fame, Goochland County, Va. This fall one of the educators to be inducted posthumously is my mother, **Edith Foster Layman** '37, who taught for 44 years, 41 of which were in the Louisa County schools. She started teaching after she graduated from high school and got all of her college credits from correspondence courses and summer school work at MWC. She was eligible to be inducted because she had some elementary schooling in Goochland and also taught there for two years. It is mind-boggling to think about how many students she helped to educate and influence during her career.

The next deadline for news is May 1, 1994. It would be wonderful to hear from more of you.

1942

Virginia K. Goolsby (Mrs. C. Morriss)
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Mary Frances Featherston Ball, who lives in Des Moines, Iowa, appreciated the many inquiries about her safety during the Mississippi flood of 1993. The experience was one of anxiety when the Des Moines waterworks was disabled, and 250,000 people were without tap water. More than 40,000 customers went without electricity, and the downtown business district was without power for a week! The lack of usable water was an inconvenience for her, but Mary Frances managed with the water distribution and with ingenuity — a rigged contraption was made to catch rainwater for flushing and bathing. She commends all who helped, and noted that hospitals and other nursing facilities struggled, but managed to provide excellent care and prepare regular menus! The clean-up effort is ongoing to remedy some of

the devastation and provide for the thousands that are homeless after the "flood of the century."

On a lighter note, Fuzzy had a great visit with **Marguerite Tuck Anderson**, whose son lives in Des Moines. In October 1993, Fuzzy will attend her 55th high school reunion in Fredericksburg.

Dorothy D. Owen is back working full time at the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. She attended an Elderhostel at Durango, Colo., in July, which she thought was super. She learned about the Anasazi culture, rode the famous Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, and spent a day at Mesa Verde National Park.

Eleanor Sommers Hartless and her husband visited the annual tulip festival in Holland, Mich., in May. I hope to see her, as another grandmother of a cadet, at the VMI Parents' Weekend in October.

Anne Givler Lindsay, who co-hosted our 30th reunion in 1992, has been busy "grandmothering" this year. Each summer they visit a summer house built in 1846 that has been in Doug's family for six generations. It is on Oconomowoc Lake in Wisconsin. Their children spent their summers there, and now are bringing their children. This vacation family consists of five children and their spouses and 10 grandchildren! Anne is grateful for good health and lots of energy to enjoy life so much. Anne and Doug celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1993. **Frances Lazenby Truett** and Earl, **Virginia Tappin Nolan** and Joe, as well as Morriss and I, celebrated 50th anniversaries in 1993, too.

Isabel Gordon Swift, who received the Alumni Association Service Award in 1992, drove to California in September 1992 with a cat and a friend to see her home. The friend fell and broke her hip enroute, but after surgery, stayed in California and returned with Isabel by Christmas. Isabel attended a wedding in Charleston, S.C., in March, visited a friend in Knoxville, Tenn., in June, went to the Scottish Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain, continued down to Anderson, S.C., in July, before a trip to Nags Head! She has seen several performances at the Kennedy Center.

There was a nice picture in the newspaper of Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Sargent Sr. She is the former **Dorothy Mae Lambert**, and the article noted the celebration of their 50th anniversary. They are the parents of two daughters, one son, the late Dr. Brenda Lee Sargent, and eight grandchildren.

I talked with **Grace Fox Skoog**, who was visiting her daughter and family in May and will return at Christmas. She gave me a good report on **Elsie Davis Todd**, whom she sees during family visits.

Mary Pride Hunninghake and **Mary M. Legg Kieman** enjoyed a tour of Spain, including a bullfight.

Liz Goffigon Johns '45 and her daughter, Leigh, a Va. Tech graduate, used their timeshare with **Sallie Jacob** '44, **Sara Boggs** and Mary Pride in Banner Elk, N.C., in September. Mary Pride wrote, "This is a beautiful time to be here in the mountains. We've even been whitewater rafting on the Wautauga River. It was a 'hoot.'" They went to Blowing Rock and visited with **Jo Walker Magee** '43 and her husband, Roger, who own a mountain dulcimer shop. The Magees have five children. Jo's brother is married to **Penny Bien Walker**.

Thank you for the news!

1944

Jean Adie Mogavero (Mrs. N.S.)
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Now is the time to start thinking about reunion 1994! The date is set: June 3-5, 1994! **Jean DeShazo Flemer**, **Nancy Duval Andrews**, **Rebecca Engleman Russell** and I met at Trench Hill on Aug. 21 with others who will be celebrating their reunions in '94. Everyone had input with ideas, and we worked hard to get things started for our 50th. It was a great meeting, with a luncheon served buffet style, then back to work. Watch for letters concerning the reunion, and please respond. We need all the latest information and addresses of people who have moved but may not have let the Alumni Office or me know. The campus is more beautiful than ever, with new dorms, changes in others, the addition of Goolrick Hall, Alvey Hall, Bushnell, to name a few. If you haven't been back for any previous reunions, try to make this one — many surprises — it will be worth the trip. The years will fall away, and you'll be a freshman all over again, with great memories. Faces new then will be very friendly faces now.

Spoke to **Marilynn Price Heady**, who was to have a hip replacement in August. She and her husband are due to fly back to Florida the end of September if all goes well. Say a prayer for all who might be ill. **Hazel "Tommy" Strong Morris** was getting her summer home in New Jersey ready for the winter before going back to Delaware. **Christine Vassar Crute** was unable to make the August meeting as she wasn't feeling well. We missed her sitting at the table with us.

Anne Benner Gee has a new address in Shenandoah, Iowa. Her area was not affected too much by the flooding in the Midwest. She spent some time with her daughter, Jill, and family during the summer.

Visited with our daughter, Nancy, and her husband and attended a D.C.I. (Drum Corps International) competition in Scranton, Pa. My husband and daughter Susan went with me to Virginia and were quite impressed with Fredericksburg and MWC. I still keep busy with AARP, crafts and church groups.

Again, thank you **Cynthia Snyder** '75, **Liz Somerville Hutchins** '78 and **Edna Gooch Trudeau** '59 for a well-planned and informative meeting Aug. 21. It was worth the trip!

Hope you all have had a great summer and will have a happy Christmas and New Year. Please keep in touch with each other and me. It is so important. Only 10 months to go for Reunion 1994. My last copy for the *MWC Today* issue will be after *the* weekend in June. Hope to see everyone at that time, and you will be able to give me lots of news.

Thank you one and all for your help to your class agent. It's been most informative and lots of fun. I live 319 miles away from MWC, but this job of class agent makes me feel very close to everyone. Thanks again for asking me to be your agent!

1946

Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe (Mrs. Coy E.)
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I don't receive much news during the year, so I look forward to your Christmas letters. It would be nice to receive a card from you when you are on a trip or do something special. Since these class notes have to be written prior to Christmas 1993, my main correspondence during the last quarter was from **Elaine "Sally" Heritage Jordan**. I am pleased to tell you that she has accepted the position of chairwoman of our 50th reunion class project committee. Sally has organized a nucleus committee to serve with her, and they had their first meeting in October to establish a plan for our project. I am sure we will soon be hearing the outcome of this meeting, and I hope we will all do our part to help.

Let's make a special effort to locate as many of our "lost" class members as possible before our 50th reunion. At the time of our 45th reunion in 1991, there were 44 members on this list. Please notify me or the Alumni Office if you know the address or how to contact any of our lost members.

Ann Briesmaster Robertson is one classmate I can depend on to write several notes each year. The last time she sent pictures of her two grandsons, who were both born in January 1993. They have grown a lot and look very active.

It has been a number of years since I have heard any news about Dr. Reginald W. Whidden, our senior class sponsor. Through the College we have learned that after his retirement in 1970, he moved to Connecticut. Hopefully, we can get some more recent news to report to you later.

From our last reunion booklet, I learned that **Louise Burroughs Ruddick** and her husband, Shelby, live in Glen Allen, a suburb of Richmond, and they have two children who live in Richmond — Robert III and Beth, married to pathologist Robert Sinnenberg. After 45 years of teaching, Louise is still active with children, taking care of her three small grandchildren to give her daughter an occasional break. Louise enjoys singing in a small choral group, "Fun Janes," and swims half a mile in laps three times a week for exercise.

Betty Carrier Church, a widow, attended MWC 1942-44, majoring in speech and drama, and is now retired. She has a son, Scott, and a daughter, **Victoria Strider**, who attended MWC 1978-79.

Eleanor "Mickey" Covington Wells had two years at MWC, 1942-44, and graduated from the University of Virginia School of Nursing in 1947. She retired several years ago, but her husband, Don, continues practicing law. They have two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren.

I had to take it easy for awhile after having major surgery the last of June. Thankfully, I received a good lab report and am feeling fine now. In early September I went with my

husband, Coy, to Albuquerque to attend an Air Force convention, and we enjoyed renewing acquaintances and attending our former church. We were stationed there over 30 years ago.

1948

Bette Worsham Hawkins
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I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed collecting this update on our class. I have called or received news of all Richmond alumnae except **Vivian Fulton Lamb**, who must have been out of town, and have had wonderful chats with most of them, many whom I've not seen for 45 years. It was an interesting and stimulating project, and I thank all of them for their time and input.

First in importance is a lovely note that I received from **Angela Grizzard Wyche**. You will remember from our Homecoming column that she was unable to attend because of ill health. This persists in the form of the Lou Gehrig disease — this is the bad news. The good news, which she is definitely positive about, is that she has been accepted into the experimental drug program at U.Va. Hospital. She welcomes any information you might have to pass on to her. Her attitude and her faith are unshakable, and her determination is so great that she is about to be part of a country weekend houseparty!

Martha Duval Bolling and spouse live in an ancestral home in Goochland, Va., and have invited the Wyches, **Joyce Wrenn Warren**, **Nancy Leary** and **Jo Webb Worrell** and husband, who are coming from Nevada. This will be their second reunion in three months!

Alta Lowry Coley has a married daughter living in Arlington. She has lost touch with many of her classmates but might consider Homecoming in '98. **Frances Belman Haddock** has retired from teaching and is doing lots of volunteer and church work. She had talked with **Sandy Graves Shifflet** this summer about a mini-reunion somewhere, but they haven't been able to get that off the ground yet.

Jean Krug Robertson has just returned from a New England/Canada Tauck Tour (their fourth), which she recommends highly. She frequently sees **Anne Cavedo Davis**, whose son has just married. **Betty Ramey Will** and her retired husband Tauck-toured this year also, going to England and Scotland. She and **Mary Lou Sullivan** keep up with each other. Mary Lou is living in her family home, having retired from Robins Pharmaceutical Co. as a molecular biochemist.

Neville Gibson Mauck has nine grandchildren — is this a record for us? — and lives on the James River. For years, she and her husband have been vacationing in Bermuda in October with their families, but now that the grandchildren are older and in school, Nevie and Lawrence have taken to staying at the Southampton Princess rather than renting a house — nice! For many years curator at the Valentine Museum, **Jackie Holmes Willcox** is now volunteering at the Virginia House, a manor house that is a part of the Va. Historical Society. She is involved in cataloguing the linen collection there. Her daughter is a French medical translator at NYC.

Mildred Reed Thomas retired from teaching first grade several years ago and is living on the Eastern Shore. An author among us is **Barbara Thomas Phillips** with a newly published book of short stories, *Goodbye, Friends*. She lives on Long Island with her husband, Warren, recently retired CEO of Dow Jones.

Two book lovers have been reunited in a local book review group, **Ethel Chrisman** and **Betty Yowell Hall**. Ethel, retired from the personnel department of Southern States Cooperative, is an enthusiastic volunteer guide for Historic Richmond walking tours. Both she and Betty have enjoyed extensive travel, the latter having visited Anchorage, Alaska, in 1991 where, after 40 years, she met with her friend **Lina White Perry** — and recognized her by her quick walk before she even saw her! Lina and her husband went to Alaska 40 years ago in the military and liked it so much that they have stayed on. This year Betty said she "hit the jackpot" with a 14-day transcanal cruise on the *Royal Princess*, from Acapulco to Bermuda.

Ann Gregg Woods is an avid horticulturist, her expertise demonstrated not only in her own gardens but also in community projects to which I know she has given countless hours. **Carol Byrd Williamson Mark** has recently returned from her godson's wedding in Poland, and a week in London touring the gardens. Married to a football lover, **Aileen Robbins Heflin** spends a lot of time on the road, going to games or their home on the Severn River — this news from her mother, who sounds darling. **Lois Saunier Hornsby** and **Wickie Whitley Knight** attended the Alumni Leadership Conference. Off to France and Greece to spend most of September were **Betty Meade Thornton** and Jim.

To mark my retirement and our 40th anniversary, my husband and I took a 17th-century manor house in Southern England for the month of August, a simply incredible experience.

Send news along *please*, so that we may all get to know each other a little better before meeting at our 50th!

1950

Dorothy Held Gawley (Mrs. I.H.)
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I had hoped for a longer column, but did not get too many answers to the dozen or so cards I sent out in June. A little disappointing, but maybe the summer was too hot.

Garland "Dorsey" Estes McCarthy of Humble, Texas, is looking for MWC alumni in the area who might be interested in joining AAUW. She is president of the Lake Houston branch for 1993-94. Dorsey's daughter, Laura, is in Geneva, Switzerland, involved with foreign agriculture. Her other daughter, Betsy, was to be married in September in N.C., and her son is in Whittier, Calif.

Received sad news in a letter from **Virginia Dowler Dickhoff**. She got word in early July that **Fay Evans Recter** had passed away at her home. Fay had been on our missing list for some time, but Ginny, who had been her roommate, included some news. Fay is survived by her husband, Wayne, and two grown daughters. She had taught school for many years, but more recently was working at Fort Eustis, testing people who wanted to get their high school requirements completed. Ginny, whose husband died in 1988, visited Fay and family in Newport News in the spring of 1989. Ginny did not graduate from MWC, but she enjoys reading the news of her former classmates. She attended business school and held jobs in Lynchburg and Richmond before marrying in 1951. She and her husband, Carl, had a dairy farm in Farmville near Hampden-Sydney College and raised two daughters and a son there. Ginny helped with the milking and feeding livestock. Her business training came in handy keeping the farm records, but she never engaged in field work. Now that the cattle are gone, she invested in a tractor and rotary cutter and learned how to use and care for the machinery so she can keep the fields and pasture from becoming overgrown. Not an easy job, but she enjoys seeing wildlife from the tractor seat and loves to read when she is done. She mentioned meeting **Betsie Gilmer Coyner** '49 at a wedding in Hampden-Sydney.

Have gotten word that **Elizabeth Turner Jones** is the new director of Meals on Wheels in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. **Elizabeth Thorne Bultman**, along with her architect husband, Phelps, live in Columbia, S.C. They have two daughters.

A brief note from **Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni** said that daughter Anita is expecting in March '94. That will make six grandchildren for Carmen and Luis. Also had word from **Nat Wilton** in Bellevue, Wash. She heard from **Liz Garey Parode** of Tuscon, Ariz., in August. Liz was about to leave for Scotland. Nat also talked with **D.G. Pate Wilson**, who is as busy as ever as a volunteer in several organizations.

At this writing, early September, my stay on Cape Cod is almost over. It was a dry summer here and hotter than usual, as it was all over the East Coast. We spent a week in Maine, near Blue Hill, visiting our oldest son, Bill, and family, and took some side trips to Deer Isle and Campobello Island. **Mim Sollows Wieland** and Earl spent more time at their Cape home this past summer, and we always enjoy getting together. They had plans for a family 40th anniversary party in October.

1952

Ann Gaines Louisell
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Hartfield, VA 23071

Note received from Dr. **Gale Lambright** said: "I have retired after 38 years of teaching and have most recently been involved with taking care of my 90-year-old father, who passed away in August. I am in the process of relocating and looking forward to some new adventures in retirement."

1954

Vera Bestwick Willis
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Alexandria, VA 22302-3723

Our 40th reunion is coming up right after Memorial Day weekend this year, June 3-5, 1994. Please keep these dates open and come to Fredericksburg. We will look forward to seeing you all again. This is your reunion, so if you have any suggestions for Saturday afternoon when our class gets together, please let me know. We want to make it the best yet. More details will come to you later about the weekend.

Helen Wilbur Vogel's husband died last Thanksgiving after eight years of illness. **Dorothea Schenk Hall** is now in an electric wheel chair. **Patricia Hatfield Mayer** is still busy being a campaign chair.

1956

Louise W. Robertson-Monroe
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1958

Lucy West Preston
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Lutherville, MD 21093

1960

Patricia Garvin Dyke
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Midlothian, VA 23113

1962

Mary Chambers Hodnett Minozzi
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It was so nice hearing from some of you this summer. We all want to know "what's going on."

Garnette Lewis Doggett stays busy in retirement but admits to missing teaching a *little* bit. She keeps very involved with her church, both married children, and her daughter's son.

Lynne Gourley Farrell is still in the Great Neck, Virginia Beach area. Lynne loves golf, and she and her husband are off to Northern England (the Yorkshire area) this fall. I was sorry to hear that her father passed away some time ago.

Tina Hutcheson Olson is always doing something interesting — sailing, flying, dog shows, handcrafts, you name it!

I'm teaching seventh- and eighth-grade science and enjoy traveling with my husband. It's nice to have him off on Saturdays after 25 years! Our daughter, Mary Glenn, is still at E.C.P.I. taking computer courses for office technology. Please let me hear from you — I know you must have a lot to share.

1964

Susan Orebaugh Nicholson
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The clock is ticking, and it's just a few months before we'll pack our bags and head to Fredericksburg for another terrific reunion. I certainly plan to be there and hope our attendance is even greater than in 1989. So it's not too late to call your roommates and friends for another wonderful get-together. Do it *now*!

After I sent you a postcard telling you of my new address and begging for news, again I thought my new mailbox would overflow. Not! I know you all don't love me anymore or you would have written to me. Did I lay on a *little* guilt?!

One kind soul and classmate heard my plea. **Susan Armistead Evageliou** sent news that she continues to love her fifth-grade teaching job and spent the summer at The Hole-in-the-Wall Gang Camp, the camp Paul Newman started for sick children. She says the experience is beautiful and life changing. She works with the theater and creative writing programs. Her son, Rick, is there as counselor for his fourth year after graduating from the U. of Maryland. He's now working in D.C. Her older son, George, writes for a local newspaper and has started his own recording studio. She and her husband, Harry, spend a lot of time hiking and biking in the New Hampshire mountains. Susan also sent the sad news that **Margaret Roe Salley** died in May '93 as the result of a tragic accident.

After a pitiful plea for news to my fellow Atlanta-area classmates, **Diane Dorin Clark** came to the rescue. Diane and her husband, Bill, have been in Atlanta 17 years. Bill retired from IBM and moved on to a position with another company. They have two daughters, Ashley, 25, who was married in '92 and lives in Atlanta, and Sarah, 21, a junior at the University of Georgia.

Diane's roommate, **Barbara Humphries Davenport**, and her husband, Sidney, live in Richmond and have four daughters, Elizabeth, Jean, Ann Sidney and Mary. Their suitemate, **Sue Parker Burton**, lives in Suffolk. She has three daughters: Virginia, who was married in '92, Mary, at U.Va., and Margaret, at Va. Tech. Sue's roommate, **Sara Page Cosby Mayo**, and her husband, Scoop, have a daughter, Meredith, and a son, Scott. They live in Sudberry, Mass.

Diane also said that **Helen Vakos Standing** and her husband, Mike, live in Virginia Beach and have a daughter, Anne, who was married in '91, and a son, Michael. **Joanne Crockett Lewis** and her husband, Marvin, live in Dalton, Ga. They had a trip to Belgium and France in '92. Thanks, Diane, for picking up the phone and making that call. We had a great visit. Now, for the rest of the Atlanta people who did not call me back — where are you?

Another pleasant call came from **Be Davison Herrera**. Be lived in Trench Hill and was originally from Westmoreland County. She is a sculptor, and her husband, Jack, works in Sacramento as a department head at the Department of Mental Health for the state of California. Their daughter, Betu, will graduate from UC-Davis in '94. Be was recently honored as the artist-in-residence for the Martin Luther King Jr. World Peace Rose Garden in Atlanta. Her sculpture, "Whirligigs and Flags for Peace" is at the entrance of the garden. Be is currently a design assistant and M.S.A. candidate at UC-Davis and poet-in-residence at St. Michael's Episcopal School. For nine months a few years ago, she toured and studied art, spending four months each in Asia and Europe and a month in Africa. She is regularly featured at art exhibitions in the Sacramento area.

It's "happy trails" time for now since you've just read every bit of the news I could find for our dear class. I know you wish for more news, as do I. *You* can make that happen. You know where I am. I'll keep watching my mailbox and listening for my phone, (404)237-6346...see you in June.

1966

Katharine Rogers Leach-Lewis
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Hello again from Northern Virginia, where we luckily have avoided the natural disasters that have plagued parts of the United States in recent months. I sincerely hope that all of you have survived the storms and floods or severe droughts without any personal harm.

My music activities conflicted with the D.C.-Metro Chapter's annual alumni picnic at Fort Ward this year, making it impossible for me to attend. When I called **Mary K. Rowell Horner** to get a report, she said she had missed it also because she was in England attending a needlepoint class! It turns out that she has been taking needlepoint classes at Woodlawn for several years, where one of the instructors was a fascinating English lady who has developed some interesting and unusual stitches and techniques. So Mary Kathryn treated herself to a trip to England to sit outside in idyllic conditions reminiscent of Gainsborough and learn more about needlepoint. While there she visited cousins and had a wonderful time. Meanwhile, Mary Kathryn has helped organize a Working Women's Golf Club, which plays on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings and now has 85 members! Actually, she is spending most of her time preparing to write new software for using windows with PC's. She did report that she had been invited to the wedding of **Mary Parson Black**'s daughter, so we know how busy Mary Parson has been.

Betsy Chappelear Tryon writes that she is teaching kindergarten this year, thinking that would be a slight change from first grade, but finds it much more challenging. Son Frank has moved to Cal State U., Chico to finish college, but daughter Maureen is still nearby. Jim is in Boulder, Colo., finishing his thesis, so any wedding plans for Betsy are on hold for awhile.

While I was in Norfolk attending a technology course last summer, I called some of our classmates who are still Tidewater residents. Many were unavailable by telephone, but I tried! I did reach **Susanne Boothby Councill**, who was very happy to be contacted even though she transferred after two years and has lost touch with most of her classmates. She sends her regards and says she has fond memories of her MWC days.

Virginia Griffith Aldrich was also very receptive and was pleased to announce that she will be graduating in April 1994, receiving her RN from a nursing school in Norfolk. She is single again and enjoying her new state of

"poverty" since one son is attending Hampden-Sydney, another son is attending Old Dominion University, and her daughter is attending U.Va. Virginia graduated with the Class of '67.

I had a good visit with **Eileen Perna Thomason**, who is very happy in Portsmouth, Va., with husband Phil and their family. Eileen has been very active with volunteer work for the Medical Society of Virginia Auxiliary, a group of physician's spouses, for which she traveled extensively as their representative. She now has a national level job with the American Medical Association Alliance, formerly the AMA Auxiliary, and continues to travel as their representative. Eileen is also still active on the mayor's advisory committee in Portsmouth. She has recently seen **Fran Rodgers Bryant** '68, who now has her own law firm in Virginia Beach.

I surprised **Tyla Matteson** with a call and found that she is still living in Hampton, Va., is single, and is a very enthusiastic teacher of French and Spanish at Kecoughton High School in Hampton. Tyla is no longer playing her flute because she has been occupied with teaching, caring for her two dogs, chaperoning student tours to France for several summers and participating actively in the Sierra Club. She espouses the club's environmentalist projects and has traveled on the Oceanic Society Expedition to Galapagos, to the Amazon and the Pantanal in Brazil. It is really good to be back in touch with an old friend, and we plan to get together again in a few months.

Perhaps these notes and inquiries will prompt some of you to contact each other or me. I have enjoyed talking and visiting with you and hope to reach many others before the next publication date, so please write.

1968

Margaret Livingston
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1970

Rochele Hirsch
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The summer sped by like a bullet. I traveled to France and the Netherlands (compliments of frequent-flyer points) for a first-time visit and liked it enough that I would like to do some business there. To help make that happen, I've been working to build the management team and marketing and support services for a new software product that handles all the information and accounting needs for small businesses (attorneys, photographers, architects, campaign managers, etc.). We expect to market it internationally by 1994. I have moved from the consultant's role of being involved to being committed (the old chicken and pig joke!).

Mary Anne Burns wrote with news of **Liz Vantrease**. Liz has moved into Stuart Circle Hospital's nursing facility, where now she is the "floor confidant," hearing enough good gossip to start a new soap opera. Her home address remains 1602 Renmark Road, Richmond, VA 23229.

Kathy Page Feek finished her master's in arts education in Seattle with a strong push through the summer. Now her oldest two boys are in school back East, and Grant, 13, is becoming the athlete of the family. Husband Jim is developing a national reputation with his innovative charitable investment fund/insurance replacement arrangements.

Susie Duffey DiMaina has been teaching high school English "forever," but is now taking some time off to spend with her 4-year-old daughter, Caitlin, and decide what to do with the rest of her life. Her husband, John, works in D.C. for the International Monetary Fund, and cat Tigger is teaching everyone the value of lounging around the house. She wrote a wonderful letter filled with the following news:

Karen Anderson Muszynski is living in Frederick, Md., with her husband, Sam, and two children, Michael and Heather. Karen is working on her doctoral thesis in genetics at the National Cancer Institute, with a December graduation planned. Sam is a partner in a small law firm specializing in health care law.

Carol Richardson Dandy is living in Annandale, Va., with husband Darrold and her two boys, Kevin, 16, and Matthew, 5. Susie hadn't seen her since college, then ran into her in a park several years ago and wound up teaching at the same school last year. Carol is a reading teacher at West Springfield High School in Fairfax County, and her husband is a lawyer on Capitol Hill.

Rhonda Stoddert Panzera is living in Rockville, Md., with husband Donald and her two girls, Nanine, 9, and Jennifer, 4. Her husband is an administrator at the Library of Congress. Rhonda volunteers at her girls' schools and is very involved in church work. Susie reports that Rhonda still has that infectious giggle!

Mary Pat O'Donnell Wiegard lives in Vienna with her husband, Michel, and their three sons. Her twin boys were accepted this past spring at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology — a Fairfax County magnet school with a national reputation.

Susie was wondering about her former roommate, **Cathy Neale Fisher**, who lives in Atlanta, so I called her and had a great conversation. Cathy has a daughter, Virginia, 18, and a son, Neale, 17. Her husband, Bob, is a tax attorney, who took the plunge in leaving a large firm and now is independent and specializing in cellular phone arrangements in Western Africa. Cathy and her family have traveled a lot to Africa, and their experiences have provided growth on all levels. Cathy has stayed involved as a professional mom and wife, which means volunteer work, parent representative to the school board, church, and travel with the family.

Please call 1-800-467-0467, write, or fax your whereabouts and news to (404)521-3463.

1972

Anne Toms Richardson
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1974

Margaret W. Hubbard
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Patricia Goodall Strawderman
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By the time you read this, you will have been notified of plans for our 20th class reunion on June 3-5, 1994. We urge you to make it to Fredericksburg to participate in this significant rite of passage. After all, we'll need the emotional support when it sinks in that, yes, it *really* has been 20 years since we graduated from MWC! We want to have a huge turnout and encourage everyone to join the fun, especially those of you who have not been to previous reunions.

Nancy Pederson Trzcinski, Hubbard and I had so much fun looking through the 1970-74 yearbooks during an August planning meeting at Trench Hill that we almost didn't accomplish our task, which was to select slides for a presentation during the reunion banquet. And can you imagine trying to pick music to accompany the slides? It was truly a nostalgia fest! (Nancy's toddler son, Matthew, and husband Hank enjoyed a tour of Trench Hill while we worked.)

Other class news is scant (let's get on the ball, gang!), but does include summer visits to Richmond from **Susan Tyler Maguigan** and **Karen Sunnarborg**. Susan and her trio of daughters, Caitlin, Molly and Megan, came to town in early June and stayed with Hubbard. Patti stopped by, and in no time at all we were gabbing away just as if we were back on 4th West in Jefferson dorm. The next night, Hubbard, Susan and "the girls" visited Patti's home in Midlothian, where Patrick and Megan enjoyed meeting their new friends (yes, it was confusing to have two kids named Megan!).

Susan and her family recently moved to Kentucky when husband Tim started a new job. Susan is feeling somewhat challenged by the rural nature of the town she is in, but we're sure that she'll adjust, the way she did in all those other places.

In mid-June, Karen and 4-year-old son Matthew spent the night with Patti on their way to meet husband Paul, who was in Williamsburg for a business meeting, for a weekend getaway. After promising for so long to visit us in Richmond, Hubbard and I were thrilled to finally catch up with her. Karen is taking time off to spend with Matthew before he starts school next year, although she will continue to do some consulting from time to time. Sounds like the best of both worlds, doesn't it? By the way, Karen looks fabulous and keeps in shape through ballet classes.

Hubbard spoke with **Lisa Tyree**, who lives in Florida near Orlando. Lisa recently changed jobs and reports that she is less stressed and much happier in her new position. Patti, husband Dennis, and their two children are tentatively planning a November '93 Disney World vacation, so Lisa better be prepared for company!

And how is your life? Please drop us a line and give us some news to share with your classmates from MWC. Better yet, come to

our 20th class reunion next June and tell us in person what you've been up to. Share pictures, stories (if you dare!), and favorite items of clothing from your MWC days (if you can still wear it, model it!). Laugh until you cry. Cherish old friendships and kindle new ones. Sit quietly and enjoy the beauty of the campus. You will not regret attending the 20th anniversary of your graduation from MWC.

1976

Judy Sledge Joyce
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Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, Va., was the site of a recent mini-reunion for some '76ers from around the country. **Cathy Colbert** was visiting from Manhattan Beach, Calif., and staying with **Lucy Dee Kinsey**, husband Carroll and their two daughters in Alexandria. **Hannah Patterson Crew**, her husband, Todd, and their two children came in from Montpelier, Va.; **Marge Schlemm Sidman**, her husband, Ron, and their two boys traveled from Marston Mills, Mass.; **Elaine Porrino Moser**, her husband, Steve, and their four boys came from their home in Westchester, Pa.; and **Gayle Shelton Geleta**, her husband, Nick, and their daughter, as well as **Daphne Johnston Elliott**, her husband, John, and their two children came all the way from Springfield, Va. They had a picnic together during the weekend, and the kids had a great day playing together.

Susan Grimes just bought a new home in Burlington, Vt., where she is a dentist. MWC's Class of '76 will be strongly represented at her wedding in June, when she will marry Scott Thompson, who is also a dentist in Burlington!

Janice Anderson Weitzen '75, her husband, Jeff, and their two children moved to Hong Kong. Jeff was recently named president of AT&T Asia/Pacific.

1978

Elizabeth Somerville Hutchins
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Hi, everyone! **Myra Fleenor Foreman** hosted a Framar reunion at her house in October. **Susie Cody Dane** is in Lewisville, Texas, teaching at a middle school. She completed her graduate studies at the University of North Texas School of Music. She has two girls and was named the LISD Secondary Teacher of the Year for 1993. **Linda Barstein Moses** is in Ft. Worth. She and her husband have two children. **Martha Clark** has her M.S. in counseling. She has a private practice in San Francisco.

Winona Schlam Siegmund was in San Antonio last June to grade AP English exams. She is still teaching in Stafford and enjoys watching her daughter grow up. Mr. Roger Bailey (MWC music professor) stopped by to see her this summer. He lives in Tennessee, and his children are in high school!

Pam Wright Meyers and her family have just moved to Atlanta after two years in Japan. Her husband is starting a new company. **Valinda Feather** has had small roles in "In the Line of Fire" and "Pelican Brief," and she is taking a class in TV producing. **Sarah McCracken** is working at Disney's MGM Studios. She is in charge of an attraction in which she directs park visitors as they make their own movies. **Karen Zipf Filkins** is living in Bremerton, Wash. She is busy with projects at church, the Officers' Wives Club, helping a Kurdish family and helping at her children's school.

Meredith Schade Fitzgerald had a baby girl in August. She and her husband already have three sons! She is an internist in physical therapy, and her husband, Dave, works for Tectonics in sales and marketing. **Pam Johnson Lantz** is a medical complex manager for Family Medicine Inc. in Levittown, Pa. She and her husband, Russell, have two daughters. **Beth Huffman Howard** is a physical scientist for the Defense Mapping Agency in Fairfax. **Anita Hotchkiss Cotton** is pursuing certification in elementary education. She is an insurance sales representative in Virginia Beach. **Debra Lenhart Lyle** and her husband, George, have a son and live in Richmond.

Ruth Judge Bridgeforth lives in Waynesboro with her husband and two children. She is a kindergarten teacher in Albemarle County. **Joni Joseph Owens** received her M.S. in rehabilitative counseling in 1980 from VCU. She and her husband have three children. She lives in South Boston, Va., where she is the director of volunteers at the community hospital. **Susan Matthias Ritter** works as a systems analyst for Telesis International Inc. in Reston. She and her husband have three children. **Susan Murphy Murray** is self-employed as a training and development consultant. She earned her M.A. in training and career development from American University in 1983. She and her husband have one daughter.

Barrie Miller Kirby received her M.A. in religion from Stamford University (1985) and her master's of divinity from Union Theological Seminary (1988). She is the minister for First Presbyterian and Aberdour Presbyterian Churches. She and **Randy** '79 have two girls. **Karen Vogen Gayle** is teaching in Florida. She was named Teacher of the Year for 1990-91 at her school. She has been given two grants to implement education projects and was selected to attend the Writing Institute Program. She and Michael have three children. **Margaret Snellings Niemann** is a highway permit and subdivision senior specialist for VDOT. She has a daughter and lives in Fredericksburg.

Caroline P. Ayres has become the first black woman partner in a non-minority law firm in the state of Delaware with Jacobs & Crumplar, P.A. in Wilmington, Del. She is also an adjunct professor at Widener University School of Law, where she teaches state and local government, as well as an adjunct professor at Goldey-Beacom College teaching business law.

I attended the MWC Leadership Conference in September. It was great to learn of all the new buildings and curriculum changes. If you have not been back to the campus, you should really make an effort to return. It has really changed! I have been elected to serve you once again on the MWC Alumni Board of Directors. This time I will be the vice president for Reunion Weekend. It will be great fun to help organize such a wonderful weekend for the reunion classes. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. Start thinking about our big 20th reunion. It will be here before you know it!

1980

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I had a very newsy letter from **Clifford "Ford" Hart**. He has spent the past 10 years in the Foreign Service, including several stints in China, which sounded extremely high level. He is currently in the Washington area and would be delighted to see old friends. Congratulations, Ford, on an exciting career.

Elaine Blotkamp Godburn and her husband, Jim, are living in Midlothian. Elaine works for a mortgage company and teaches dance at several studios in the Richmond area. Jim is with the Department of Youth and Family Services. Elaine and Jim have two boys, Joey and Andrew.

Mary Hudachek Stephens received her master's degree this spring. Mary and her family are still living in Georgia. Speaking of Georgia, **Nancy Quynn** and her daughter, Vicky, are moving to Tifton, Ga., where Nancy will be working with Georgia Legal Services.

1982

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From Nancy:

Hi, everybody! I didn't hear from a lot of folks over the summer. I guess everyone was as busy as I was! I did hear from **Cynthia Grill Condore**, who resides in Boca Raton with her husband, Steven. They used to live in Alexandria. She said that they both love Florida weather and were fortunate enough to miss most of the effects of Hurricane Andrew, only losing two trees in their yard. Cynthia is working as a statistical research analyst in the Office of Institutional Research at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

I ran into **Jenny Utz** and **Deb Reid** at a party recently, and they are both well. **Barb Balogh** '83 came to Washington from Richmond one weekend to see "Phantom of the Opera" at the Kennedy Center, and we were able to catch up with each other. She is off to Ireland and England in October for two weeks. I went to Bar Harbor, Maine, for 10 days for vacation this summer and got away from the humidity of D.C. I have been golfing a lot and am taking art classes this fall, just

for fun. **Cathy Reed Brademen** '83 and husband Royce are doing well. They are residing in the Mt. Vernon area of Alexandria, and Cathy has been going back to school while she works full time for Booz-Allen.

1984

Linda Lemanski Blakemore
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From Linda:

A big thank you to the many classmates who sent in Class Notes information! The response was the best that we've had in nine years. A special thanks to **LaVonda Simpson** and **Darnell Horio** for their proofreading assistance.

A reminder that our 10th reunion will be held June 3-5, 1994. Darnell, LaVonda and I have already attended the reunion planning meeting, and many enjoyable activities are in the works. It would be great to have a record turnout and at the same time reminisce about the good times that we shared while at MWC.

LaVonda has a new house, a big new deck, and a new job as an underwriter for Central Fidelity Mortgage Corporation. She writes that **Becky Rooks O'Farrell** and husband are expecting their second child. **Jane Coleman** was promoted to regional vice president for Life of Virginia and is spending much time on the West Coast, which is her new territory. **Sue Scafuro** works for the law firm of Simpson, Thacker & Martlett in Manhattan as the coordinator of business development and marketing. ST&M has over 400 lawyers.

LaVonda and Darnell, along with other alums, including **Anne Marie Edwards Rockecharlie**, were in Fredericksburg in July for **Todd Raymond**'s wedding. **Dave Farmer** and **Frank Gilmore** '85 were in the wedding. Dave works in Dahlgren and bought a beautiful house in Fredericksburg.

Darnell is still working for GPU as a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. She finished her term last summer as vice president for chapters for the MWC National Alumni Board and was also nominated by the board for the College's board of visitors.

Kevin Reilly recently received his degree in computer information systems from Strayer College in Alexandria. He graduated with a 4.0! Kevin also worked on the Clinton inaugural committee last year. **June Keller Vernon** '85, DDS, graduated from the MCV School of Dentistry in 1989 and practices in Petersburg, Va. She married Thomas Coover in December 1992, and they reside in Richmond. They recently purchased a farm in Dinwiddie County and hope to begin building in a couple of years.

Kathleen Werner received her J.D. from the University of Baltimore and practices primarily worker's compensation and personal injury law in Leonardtown, Md. **Brett Johnson** works for the U.S. Department of Commerce as a journeyman engraver. In his spare time, Brett also manages an apartment building for a friend and works part time as a bouncer in a restaurant. In November he plans to travel abroad to see the WWI battlefields in France and Belgium — a dream come true! Brett writes that **Alex Stylos** and his wife, Monique, are parents of infant twin boys and are living in New Bedford, Mass.

Chris Wilson writes that he received his M.A. from the Johns Hopkins School of Foreign Study in May of '89. After graduating, Chris put his French language skills to use and traveled to Guinea, Africa, where he worked for the Catholic Relief Agency teaching French and English to the native children, and also helped to build housing and irrigation systems to improve the quality of life. Chris is residing in Maryland and is employed by the Baltimore Gas and Electric company as a systems administrator. Chris writes that **Darrly White** passed the CPA exam on his first try — no surprise from a 4.0 MWC grad! **Harry Gorman** '85 is attending Georgetown University and is in his final year of studying for his doctorate in theology.

Lynne Wiser Stockman relocated to Louisville, Ky., and joined the practice of Fern Creek Medical Center in April 1993. Lynne's husband, "Buster," is studying for his master's degree in pastoral counseling at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. The Stockmans are currently building a home. **Susan Foltz Turner** and husband John moved back to the Charlottesville area after living in Naperville, Ill., for four years. Susan is a stay-at-home mom to 2-year-old Scott Michael, and number two is on the way.

Shari Scott became the office manager at Rebound Chiropractic in Newport News, Va., in '92. She was also appointed to the Newport News Historical Commission in August 1993 and is active in the Hampton Roads Young Republicans Chapter. **Susan Albert** began her second year of law school at W&L. She spent the summer as a law clerk with a Roanoke law firm. Last August, she spent a weekend volunteering at the White House Information Office and hopes to have the opportunity to do so again!

Lynne Ballard Lansford is also a stay-at-home mom with her two children (second child, Matthew, was born 1992). She received her master's in curriculum and instruction from Va. Tech last spring.

Carmel Pellicciotto Andrews and husband Ben had their first child, Rachel Nicole, in October '92. Carmel is the deputy town clerk in Vienna, Va. **Bill Grosskopf** and wife **Ruth Bonner** '85 are expecting their first child in Feb. '94. They returned to the States in February '92 after a three-year stay in Germany. **Valerie Martino O'Brien** is the director of communications for the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and was also an adjunct instructor at VCU, teaching and editing publications. She has a son, Patrick, and is expecting another baby in December. Valerie's mom died suddenly and unexpectedly in May.

Mary Chele Flanders Kelly is still working at NSWC in Dahlgren and has been traveling to different parts of the country with her job. She and her husband were traveling to Europe in early September to visit relatives and friends. Mary writes that **Tracy Harman Shelton** was married last year in Richmond and lives in Glen Allen, Va. **Susan Perry Burgess** is married and has two children, Adam, 8, and Ashley, 4. Susan is in her 10th year of teaching and currently teaches first grade at Smith Station Elementary in Spotsylvania.

Janine Loosley received her M.S. in Pharmaceutical Science/Cosmetics in 1986 from the University of Cincinnati. She is working for the Cosmetics Office at the FDA in Washington, D.C. Janine keeps in touch with **Carolina Oliveri**, who lives in NYC. She also ran into her friend, **Barbara Grunwald Monterio**, at an occupational fair at MWC. Barbara lives in Falmouth, Va., and continues to work as a chemist at Virginia Power. She has been married since Feb. '90 to an electrician, who also works at Virginia Power. Her roommate, **Mishell Evans**, just bought a townhouse in Northern Virginia and is still doing research at Georgetown University.

Beth Loftis Brusig married Jeffery, an account executive for Cox Cable, in Sept. '92. Beth is the clinical and formulary coordinator for the pharmacy dept. at Sentara Hampton General Hospital. **Gayle Ashburn** is working for AMC Bowling Inc. in Mechanicsville and attends VCU, where she is taking courses in information systems. Gayle became engaged in Aug. '93 and will be married in Oct. '94. Gayle's hobby is dance — she competes in the Country/Western dance circuit. Gayle writes that **Theresa Thomas** is living in Richmond and works for Uniglobe Signal Travel.

John McCarthy married Susan Hofer in 1985 and has two daughters, Caitlin, 5, and Molly, 3. Number three is due in Jan. '94. John continues to teach Intro to Planning at MWC each fall and is still working for Rappahannock County in Little Washington as the county administrator. **Catherine Smith Jackson** and husband Dick have two children, Stephen, 4, and Debbie, 3. Catherine ran into **Charlotte Jones**. She has two small children a year apart. Catherine also spoke to **Debbie Hopkins**, who attended MWC from 1980-82. Debbie is married to Dr. Waldon Garris and lives in Chattanooga, Tenn. **Janie Churchill-Hinkley** and husband Brian, an LCDR in the Navy, are stationed in Norfolk, where Brian is assigned to the admiral's staff. They have four children: Daniel, 8, Andrew, 6, Caitlin, 4, and Callie, 2. Janie said that she has received her master's in chauffeuring! She has kept in touch with many alums. **Cathy Collier Fernandez** lives in Florida with hubby Dr. Frank and their three boys.

Lisa Featherstone Walsh and husband Tom live in California. **Kathy McCune Ellwood**, who married a fellow graduate student in 1990, finally finished her Ph.D in clinical psychology in August '92. They had their first child, Scott, in February '93. Kathy is now working as a part-time psychology resident, doing therapy and evaluation at RACSB in Fredericksburg. Kathy writes that **Tara Kilday Lindhart**, husband Ron and two boys, Tom and Eric, live in Florida.

Ann Colligan Blechman and husband Tony live in Reston, Va. They had their first child, Andrew James, on St. Patrick's Day '93, four days after the big blizzard we experienced in this area. Needless to say, Ann was

a little nervous. She's been working for BDM for the past nine years, working three days a week doing computer testing, training system users and writing user manuals.

Erin Hart and husband Tom had a baby girl, Devin Ashleigh, in May '92. Erin's roommate, **Susan McKinney Crosbie**, and her husband, Mike, also had a baby girl, Elizabeth, in May '92. **Meg Rock Reidy** and husband Henry were expecting their first child in Sept. '93. **Mary Cleary** continues to work for the Smithsonian Institution at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and Freer Gallery of Art, the National Museum of Asian Art, where she edits brochures, and is also the illustrations editor for the Sackler Gallery's quarterly journal, *Asian Art*. Mary writes that **Jill Devine Stapleton** is living in Reston, Va. **Chris Brown** and wife Sarah are living in F'burg. They adopted a baby girl in October and are expecting a baby, due on Christmas Eve! **Cary V. Miller** and wife Kim adopted a son, Andrew Scott. Cary is still working at Planning Consultants Inc. in Dahlgren, Va.

Cindy Greer Chalkley and husband Bill have three children: Matthew and twins Andrew and Katie. Bill just returned from Okinawa, Japan, and the family is stationed in Camp Lejeune. **Mary Kinnecome** received her M.A. in art history from U. of Mass., Amherst, in Dec. '89. She is working as the development coordinator at the National Fund for the U.S. Botanical Gardens in Washington, D.C. **David Swanson** is now working for the National Association for the Education of Young Children as the coordinator of internship and volunteer employees, publishing dept. He is also the local secretary for ACT-UP. David writes that **Kevin Reetz** '85 and wife **Jane Tuttle** '86 moved to Va. Beach and had their first child, Abigail, in August '93. Also, after 12 years of dating, **Jesse Forbes** '85 married **Teresa Nugent**. They recently had a baby boy, Jay.

Sally Jones Snead has been working for the Commonwealth as a microbiologist for 8 years. They remodeled a house and are living in Richmond. Sally writes that her old MWC roommate, **Gigi Pesek McDonald**, lives with husband J.F. in Maryland with their son, James Francis, and their second child, who was born in '93. Additionally, **Erin McGinty Sonderman** has two children, Tara and Kayla, who seem to have taken to the Navy way of life. **Melissa Terry Lampiris** writes that she is a stay-at-home mom raising son James, 2. **Betsy Maguire Whiteside** recently moved back to Philadelphia from Boston after six years. Her son, Andrew, turned 1 this July and is a full-time job. Betsy recently visited **Lucy Williams** '82 in Arlington. Lucy has a very successful physical therapy practice in D.C.

Janice Conway Micka married Edward, a software engineer with Oracle, in Oct. '93. Janice is still with Freddie Mac in Corporate Communications. Janice's MWC roommate, **Sheila Brady Barth**, was in the wedding party. Shiela has been married to Kevin for three years and is still working for Disney World in Orlando. Other MWC alums in attendance at the wedding included **Terry Zeterberg** '85, **Lois Walthall Murdaugh** and **Anne Savoca**. Janice writes that **Susan Dowell Ewing** and husband Charles are the proud parents of a new chocolate lab. **Roslyn Roach Aroesty** had a little girl, Allie, in May. Janice attended a shower for Roslyn given by **Anne Savoca** and **Vanessa Sullivan McCusker**. Lois also had a girl this spring, Laura Bethany. Janice heard from **Tim Pierpoint** '82, who married last year, is living in Sterling and working in Rosslyn. He is the father of a baby girl, Anna Louise. Tim's brother, **James** '82, also married last year, and sister **Debbie** '85 is married and had twin boys this spring.

Andrea Powell McKown has moved to the Pittsburgh area with husband Marty and their three boys. **Lori Featherngill Wampler** gave birth to Whitney Elyse in May '93. Lori was visited by **Leslie Harris Clark**, who lives in England with her husband and daughter. **Amy S. Hughes** writes that she attended the Institute for Paralegal Training in Philadelphia and currently works for a Philadelphia firm as a litigation paralegal. **Jasmine Jelesoff Larimer** married Penn State grad, Scott, in May '93. MWC alums **Lisa Wright** '83 and **Diane Muller** '90 were bridesmaids, and **Sean Dargan** '90 played the bagpipes. Jasmine is still teaching Spanish at North Stafford and received her M.Ed. from Va. Tech in May '92. **Kathleen Crocetti** was married to **Greg Budd** '87 and has a child, Geoffrey. She had been teaching second grade for two years in Pacific Grove, but returned to the Academy of Arts College last fall and is pursuing a master's in fine arts in sculpture. Kathleen would love to hear from fellow art majors.

Betsey Dunn Kirkemo and husband Kevin love life in Colorado. She works as a general manager for an electronics company. They are expecting their first child in Feb. '93. Betsey writes that **Leslie Runaldue Turfarolo** is finally returning from overseas, where she has been since '88. She, husband John and daughter Chelsa, 2, will be spending Thanksgiving in Colorado with the Kirkemos. Betsey also writes that **Martha Sullins** '85 and husband Ben Way are working for the Peace Corps in the D.C. area and are hoping to venture overseas in the near future. **Susan Haas Yatta** married Walter, an organist and choir director, in '88. She is enrolled at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. At the end of the program, Susan hopes to be ordained as a Lutheran minister. They live in a home on the edge of Michaux State Forest. **Lynne Gilley Larabee** and husband Tom have been busy this past year with their sons, Christopher, 4, and Daniel, 11 months. They are building a new home in Loudoun County. Lynne has been working at Freddie Mac for nine years in the technical accounting group.

Gail Giampaoli Naftzger married husband Mark four years ago. They have a daughter, Kristen Michelle, 2. Gail is employed by the Defense Mapping Agency. **Kimberly Hinkle Boggs** has been married for 10 years to Doug. They have two daughters, Katie, 6, and Meghan, 3. Kimberly returned to MWC from 1988-90 to obtain her teaching certification, but is currently a stay-at-home mom. **Carolanne Hurst Ziolkowski** was married in June '93 to John and is teaching first grade in Mechanicsburg. **Maureen Keenan Burke** continues to be a stay-at-home mom with her 2-year-old daughter, Kylie. Recently, Maureen and MWC roommates **Heidi Westlin Vassallo**, **Robin Solar Doyle** '87 and **Dawn Pilkington** '85 got together for a mini-reunion and reminisced about their days at MWC. Dawn lives in Arlington with her fiance. Robin is living in Sarasota, Fla., with husband Mark and daughter Paige, 19 months. Heidi and husband Robert have a daughter, Melanie, 15 months. In her spare time, Heidi continues to play "over 30" soccer in Fairfax County and is on the same team with fellow alum **Joanne Brenton Carter**. She and husband **Jeff** '83 are still residing in Alexandria with daughter Skye, 1. Joanne still works part time for the FTC, and Jeff is working for the National Archives. Joanne writes that **Daphane Goodyear Dudek** and husband **Jim** '85 had a baby girl, Kathryn Maria, in April '92.

Betty Gass is living in New Jersey and working as a CPA. Her husband, Al, is with Bell Labs. **Katherine Knightly McClary** just moved to California in the spring and has two kids, Elizabeth, 5, and Caroline, 2. Katherine sends a big thanks to **James Miller** for helping her sister find a job before she even relocated to the Dallas area. **Carol Miller Hawley** married **Buddy** '87 in June of '93. Carol has been director of the riding program at MWC since 1984. Buddy is in graduate school at U.Va., studying environmental engineering.

Kerry Devine John and husband **Jeff** '78 had their fourth child in May of '93, Garrett Peter. Kerry is keeping quite busy with children and community (not to mention baking cakes for F'burg Alumni Chapter!). Kerry writes that **Selma Maloof Kossol** and husband Bill have a 2-year-old daughter, Kelsey. Selma was recently selected as a manager for Discovery Toys. Kerry heard from old MWC roommate, **Janet Cardwell Graham**, who is living in Roanoke and has two children, Rusty, 4, and Aree, 10 months. **Lori Wendt Hudson** and husband Dan moved from Warrenton to Chicago with Daniel, 4, and Ryan, 1. **Pam Johnson Jemmison** and husband Frank had their first child, Christian Lewis, in June '93 and are living in Chesapeake. **Jackie Turk Epling** had baby number four in Jan. '93 and moved to Spotsylvania. **Kathy Harris Hutchison** had her fourth daughter in the spring of '93 and is living in Stafford. **Ford Jones** and his wife are expecting their first child soon.

Betsy Hanna Brown and husband Mike had a baby boy, Ian Thomas, in Sept. '93. Betsy is a stay-at-home mom for now. The Browns will be moving back to the Washington area later this winter. **Constance Cook Core** is employed by SAIC as a software engineer/analyst. Her daughter graduated from high school in June '92, and her son is in eighth grade. Constance is in her third season as a fantasy football team franchise owner. **Scarlett Hicks Barbee** has been married for five years to David. Their son, Raleigh David, was born in 1992. Scarlett writes that after several years of 60+ hour weeks at the Small Business Development Center in Manassas, she has significantly cut

back on her hours to devote more time to her son. Scarlett's best friend, **Julie Pride Sonson**, lives in Williamsburg with husband Chuck and children Ashley and Charles. **Claudia Gluckman Bailey** and husband sold their townhouse in Sterling and bought a house in Woodbridge. Claudia has worked in Prince William County as a mental therapist for three years. This spring she became a licensed clinical social worker. Bob owns a Pearle Vision Center in Burke. In her spare time, Claudia continues to train Pembroke Welsh Corgis.

James Harold Allen Boyd is currently working on his M.A.L.S. degree at MWC and expects to finish in the spring of 1995. His daughter, Denise, is a senior at MWC and will graduate in May 1994 with a B.A. in English, following in the footsteps of her mom, **Donna Stevens Robbind** '62, and aunt, **Louise Stevens Boyd** '65. **Chris Uthe** and wife **Kim** '87 are the proud parents of twin boys, Brandon and Ben, born in June '93. Big brother C.J., now 3, is quite a help. Chris is still with Dataflow Companies as an account manager in the medical division and is living in Greensboro. Chris writes that **Dan Wolfe** is doing well, married to Erin, and is continuing to thrive in the film world.

Ann Watson Phillips is still living in her hometown of Berryville, Va., with husband Rick. Ann works for an aerial photography firm based in Martinsville, W.Va. **Margaret "Meg" Stover** is working in Cleveland, Ohio, as the administrator for the Department of General Anesthesiology. **Elizabeth "Bet" Walker Quarles** lives in Wilmington, Del., after moving back from Atlanta in 1991. Bet's husband works for Hercules Inc. in marketing, and Bet manages the household. They have two children, daughter Arkell, 3, and son Marshall, 9 mos. The Rev. **Jennifer Metzger Turner** was ordained in the Gospel Ministry in Nov. '92 and has served as the minister of outreach at Pine Street Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., since Oct. '91. Jennifer's husband, Philip, is the pastor at Pine Street Baptist. They married in July '88.

James Miller and his wife were expecting their first child in Oct. '93. While in the D.C. area last summer, James got a chance to see **Dan** and **Anne Thompson Steen** '83. The Steens are expecting their second child.

After working three years for the City of Fredericksburg as director of economic development, **Melisa Casacuberta** assumed the same position in Caroline County in Nov. '92. She writes, "This was the county's first full-time economic development position, and has offered professional development opportunity as well as many challenges in this very large, very rural community! (Caroline's County seat, Bowling Green — aka Mayberry — is not quite 20 miles south of Fredericksburg.) I'm also the proud "mother" of two beautiful puppy-children, Olivia and Warren. Olivia, who just turned 4, is a black cocker spaniel mix, and is quite independent (her mama's girl!) Warren, my pudge-puppy, will be 3 in March, and was a former pound puppy in the Warren County Animal Shelter (thus, his name). He appears to be an English Setter-Spaniel mix, white with lemon-drop spots and brown freckles, and is a sweet mama's boy. They get along just like sibs! There are currently no plans to expand the family! I'm pleased as punch that my sister, **Alicia**, is moving back to Virginia at the end of September after six years in Buffalo, N.Y. She, too, is a proud "parent," with two precious and very smart kitty-children named Buster and Casey. After spending some time getting reacquainted with 'the sweet Virginia breeze,' Alicia will be deciding where in this lovely Commonwealth she wants to make her new home."

As for me, I am still working for the Quantico Marine Corps Base as an internal auditor and am keeping quite busy. I have also started taking graduate courses through Va. Tech and hope to earn my M.B.A. in a couple of years. Porter and I spent a week at the beach with **Mark** and **Marianna Rixey Scott** '85 in July. They have two cute kids, Maggie and Lauren. Thanks for all of the news, and we hope to see everyone at Reunion Weekend in June!

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From Rich:

Another year has passed, and the success stories for the Class of 1990 continue to roll in!

Jay Dugger graduated from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg and took the dreaded bar exam this past summer. While waiting for his (what I am sure will be positive) results, he is operating his own business.

Shannon Reynolds has moved to Louisiana and is serving as the director of the Main Street Program in the historic town of St. Martinville. She says that she has never been happier! (It must be the spicy food!) **Lynn MacKenzie** has left Northern Virginia for the sunny shores of the West Coast (San Diego) and is working for the Robinson's Company in department store management.

Christina Bordonaro has returned to New York to teach elementary school and pursue her master's in education. She'll be a principal before we know it. **Laura Kenyon** was married in July 1993 and is living happily in Fredericksburg, teaching gifted children. **Adrienne Wilson-Himmelberg** and **Steve** now live and work in Chapel Hill, N.C., and are anxiously anticipating the college basketball season.

Russ Moeller has also returned to New York to pursue his master's. I guess his time running around Yugoslavia and Bosnia made him realize that New York was actually a safer place to be! **Jim Bartlett** has returned from another "tour" of Yugoslavia and is negotiating with a news service to send him to Azerbaijan (in the former Soviet Union) to cover the ethnic unrest there.

Polly Anna Bryant will be completing her master's in future studies in Texas and continues to work for the Center for Space and Advanced Technologies. **Dave "Van Halen" Rowzie** entered East Carolina University this past fall to pursue his master's in history. **Jay Comfort** is now working as a chef at the Red Sage Restaurant in Washington, D.C., which is a four-star restaurant and by far the best in the Capital City! With Jay on their staff, you know it will only get better! Just imagine the parties he'll be throwing for the Washington elite!

Jennifer Smith has left PSRC and has returned to pursue her master's in special education at George Mason University. **Rhonda Kelly** is now living and working in Bermuda (yes, Bermuda!) at an oceanographic research institute. She is enjoying hurricane season to its utmost. (What a rough life!)

Scott Rizzo is now working for Ford Motor Company and is a brand new homeowner in the Garden State. Imagine what his neighbors think! **Sean Dargen** is still living in Fredericksburg and performing throughout the Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia area. His new album is out, so be sure to catch his show and pick up a copy! He continues to get better and better!

Jennifer Murphy was married to **Lance Whitesel** '92 in October 1993. Jennifer works for the Club Managers Association in Alexandria and is pursuing a career in association management. Lance works for E-Systems as a computer engineer. They live in Burke, Va.

Suzanne Liotta was married in December 1993. She met her husband, John Whelchel, at General Foods, where Suzanne works as an education administrator. They now live in Brookfield, Conn. **Michelle Hedrick** was recently promoted to escrow officer at Potomac Title and Escrow in Fairfax and continues to enjoy the single life in Northern Virginia.

Lori Maiello has completed her master's in education and is now living and working in Warrenton, Va. She is teaching math and science at the Highland School to junior high kids. There is hope that this country will have engineers in its future!

John Schembari graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a master's in international affairs. He is now working in international law in Washington, D.C. **Marynell Hinton** is living in Springfield, Va., and working as a counselor in the Washington, D.C., area. She recently completed her master's in psychiatry. **Mary Anthony** is liv-

ing and working in Annandale, Va.

Rachel Uhlman-Burrows is now living in Albuquerque, N.M., with her husband, Shaw, who works in film. She hopes to pursue her real estate license in the upcoming months. **Kevin Tiernan** is working at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., in the still photo department. Kevin was one of the people organizing the cataloging of the just-released JFK assassination files.

Suzanne Decker has completed law school at Catholic University in Washington and couldn't be happier! **Julie Heard** married Dennis Barbaro in October 1992. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where Julie works for Clinique. **Mary Ellen Gordon** lives and works in Fredericksburg for Ralph Sutton and Associates, practicing her expert accounting skills.

Robin Lamb married Stephen Stubbs in Gordonsville, Va., in July 1990. Robin now works for Shenandoah Valley Country Club in marketing. She and Stephen just finished building their own home. **Diane Taylor** is living in Richmond, where she purchased her own home, passed the CPA exam and is working for Phillip Morris USA. In her letter, she simply states that she is "having a great time."

Susie Hankel is living in her new home in Woodbine, Md., where she continues to compete with her horses. She is also training horses on the side. Susie works at the Defense Mapping Agency as a cartographer with **Susan Crytzer-Tassa**. Susan lives in Clinton, Md., with husband John and their two great dogs, Kylie and Deacon. She continues to play soccer with **Tami Verchek** in Northern Virginia, along with several other recent MWC grads. If you are driving in the Washington area anytime soon, keep your eyes open for Susan and her husband, who are both avid Harley-Davidson riders! Yes, Harley riders! Both are active in the Fort Washington Harley Owner's Group (aka H.O.G.)

Sharon "Elaine" Ross-Palmatory and her husband, Kyle, live in Spotsylvania County, and she is a manager at Sammy T's, a restaurant in F'burg. Kyle is the drummer for Sean Dargen's band. **Michelle Carter** left the world of rock 'n' roll and now works for a speakers bureau in Washington, D.C. She gets to deal with highly paid VIP's on the lecture circuit!

Susan Mothershead married Bruce Timok in June '91, and is working in mutual funds at Wheat, First Securities in Richmond, Va. They now have a son, Nathan Augustus, born in Jan. '93.

As for myself, I am still Republican, still want to be an astronaut, and continue to work as a program and policy analyst for NASA. A project that I have worked on for almost two years was recently (and finally) launched from the Space Shuttle Discovery in September 1993. You have not lived until you have seen the shuttle launch! I still live in Alexandria, where I am active in local politics (surprise) and am enjoying the fun Northern Virginia has to offer! I would love to hear what you are doing now, so please write or call me at (703)379-2257.

1992

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From Dorothy:

I would like to thank everyone for the many letters that I have received — keep the news flowing to me.

Kristin Regula is living in Fredericksburg and working for First Choice Realtors. She told me that **Teresa Bartels** is working at Jenny Craig as a weight-loss counselor, is attending Towson State grad. school, and is planning a November wedding. **Michelle Moncure** is also planning a wedding in June. **Conan McDonough** is back living in the 'Burg with his former roommate, **Chip**.

Joe Makolandra is living in Alexandria and working at Copeland's. He began grad school in the fall at Marymount University. **Tammy Hall** is living and working in Atlantic City and raising her daughter, Olivia, 1. **Todd Schill** is working in Fredericksburg as a real estate agent and appraiser. **Mike Mulherin** is living in Northern Virginia and working at Phillip's as a banquet coordinator. **Rob Nevin** is living in Centreville and working for a car rental company. **Jamie Freeman** is living in upstate New York and working with his father. **Tabitha Edinger** is working on the Eastern Shore as an engineer.

Rick Vanderhyde is working and living in Alexandria. **Andy Gufstason** was working three jobs over the summer. The most exciting one was with the Prince William Cannons baseball team. I saw **Libby Johnston** at a recent party. She is working for Shenandoah University as an admissions counselor. She informed me that **Rachael Schmeller** is engaged — congrats!

Keith Veltri and **Kirsten Kusko** came down from New York in August. Keith is alive and well! He is doing great in pharmacy school but misses everyone at MWC. He said to tell everyone "hello." Kirsten is attending Long Island University grad school and getting an M.B.A. in marketing.

I saw **Shannon Rothgeb** at a recent alumni meeting. She is attending grad school at Lynchburg College and working part time in their student activities office. She told me that **Nellie King** is attending law school in Florida, specializing in international maritime law. **Michelle Brown** is living in Greenville, S.C., and working for MCI. The summer after our graduation, Michelle was able to work at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Atlanta — what an experience! **Gabby Sulzbach** is heading up the intermural sports program at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond. Shannon also told me that **Kathy Lesher** is working at the Georgetown University Law Library. The Happy Twins, **Katie** and **Jennie Levering**, are in different parts of the U.S. Katie is in Colorado, and Jennie is in Oregon working as a park ranger.

Liam Cleaver is living in Northern Virginia. He is attending grad school at Georgetown, where he is participating in the National Security Studies Program. He is also working on Capitol Hill. **Ann-Clayton Everett** recently displayed her work in the area of textiles at a gallery in Newport News.

Congratulations to **John Lilienthal**, who married Veronique in October. **Holly Rogers** was married in August. **Vanessa Martin** is making plans for an April 1994 wedding.

Scott Holcomb is attending grad school at Towson State, studying adolescent psychology. **Kim Quillen** wrote me and said that she was one of seven U.S. students selected to participate in the Swedish Travel Fellowship Program sponsored by the Swedish Embassy. She spent June in Sweden researching and writing an article on Sweden's parental leave policy. In August, she will graduate from the American University, where she is majoring in economic journalism.

Marie Ryan is living in Northern Virginia with **Amy Jarvis** '93. Marie is working at Marymount University. **Nadine Golgosky** is attending grad school at Virginia Commonwealth University, majoring in urban planning. She told me that **Ranae Haskins** is living in Italy. **Bob Jones** lives in Fredericksburg and is working at Olde Towne Steak and Seafood — yum!

I am living in Fredericksburg with **Margaret Williams**. She is a fifth-grade teacher at Hartwood Elementary School in Stafford County. Hang in there, Magnet! I am working for Wheat First Securities in downtown Fredericksburg. I love working in the brokerage and securities industry and hope to become registered with the SEC in the spring. Hope to hear from you soon!

From Michael:

Continuing the trend from my last update, it looks like even more of our fellow classmates are taking the matrimonial plunge. **Melissa Yellen** married her longtime sweetie, Larry Madrigal, in a beautiful ceremony in Virginia Beach, Va., in August 1993. Assisting her as lovely bridesmaids were **Amy Gooding** and **Linda Holloway**, along with some help from **Mike Zerull** and me, who had parts in the ceremony as well. Stealing the show, of course, was Melissa, who couldn't have looked any lovelier. Melissa and Larry will reside in Yorktown, Va.

Also exchanging vows were **Amy Austin** and **Tony Combs** '93 in Richmond in August 1993. **Debbie Krauth** and **Randy Dail** were married in early October. **Alex Aveta** and **Emilie Whitehead** have set the date for October 1994. (I guess October is the 'in' month in which to get married.) In the meantime, they are living in Sterling, Va., and Alex is playing the connection game for a different job.

Diverting from the wedding scene a bit, **Christine Harrison Martin** and her husband, Chris, have two new additions to their family — kittens, Minnie and George. They have also bought a house in Winchester, Va. Christine was recently promoted to director of alumni affairs at Randolph-Macon Academy, and enjoys her new responsibilities and the traveling she gets to do.

Kate Stanford is starting law school in Macon, Ga., and spent her last hurrah vacationing at Kiawah Island in Charleston, S.C. Also vacationing further south was **Hilary Holmes**, who spent a week in Nags Head,

N.C. Hilary is still working for the government and is residing in Alexandria.

Also teaching is **Susan Myers**, who is beginning her second year. She has added applied math to her already busy schedule of algebra classes, and hopes to improve on her first-year successes of coaching on the basketball and tennis courts.

Risking the check points and barriers, **Stacey Gallardy Howard** and **Janet Marshall** '93 managed to cross the border and visit me in Boston, Mass. They plan to continue traveling across the nation until the money runs out. We had a great time walking around Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, visiting the bars and seeing the sights.

As for myself, I am still working for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Nashua, N.H. I've managed to schmooze myself a promotion, and should be looking at a transfer shortly to open a new branch. I've managed to finally quit my part-time job at the video store, and look forward to some free time for a change. I appreciate all the letters that I've received and promise to write back a bit more promptly from now on. Remember, the only way to appear in this column is to write to either Dorothy or me.

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

Fannie Nance '13
Pauline Sneed '14
Dwight McKenney Snyder '22
Polly Terretta Brooks '33
Elsie Clark '34
Beatrice Child French '34
Sarah L. Overby '34
Philipa Maddox '35
Grace Claiborne Price '35
Mary Landram Whitehead '40
Ethel Twyford Gourley '41
Mae Boyd Anderson Holbert '42
Jean Boyle Owen '43
Claire Cray Dezavala '44
Edith Thomas Hawthorne '44
Mary Ellen Glascock Staples '44
Jessie Chatto Duncan '45
Willa Jones Justice '45
Ruth-Lois Cotter Bryson '49
Mary Nemchick Rappleyea '50
Joyce Evans Recter '50
Ann Johnson Hill '56
Alexandra Maynard Apperson '57
Patricia Chilton Beatty '61
Margaret Roe Salley '64
Kathryn Garrett Korzeniewski '79
Rose Mary Johnson, professor emerita of Biological Sciences
Walter B. Kelly, professor emeritus of English

Condolences

We extend our condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Annie Towles Dunaway '19, who lost her husband.
Mary Virginia Willson '34, who lost her brother.
Esther Berntson Pearson '34, who lost her husband.
Marion Ells Sharp '34, who lost her husband.
Betty Poole Athey '34, who lost her husband.
Eloise Trussell Kousz '37, who lost her husband.
Mary Lou Daniel Fary '42, who lost her husband.
Virginia Key Goolsby '42, who lost her stepmother.
Elsie Davis Todd '42, who lost her brother.
Elizabeth Adair Fairly '44, who lost her husband.
Miriam Sollows Wieland '50, who lost her mother.
Delia Gene Pate Wilson '50, who lost her mother.
Gale Lambright '52, who lost her father.
Helen Wilbur Vogel '54, who lost her husband.
Ann Dunaway Criswell '55, who lost her father.
Nancy Bell Patterson '68, who lost her husband.
Mary Smith Carson '71, who lost her father and her son-in-law.
Valerie Martino O'Brien '84, who lost her mother.

Births

Congratulations to the following alumni:

James Miller '84 and wife, a daughter.
Kimberly Wright Murphy '85, a son.
Susan Mothershead Timok '90, a son.

Laura V. Sumner:

A Remembrance

BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.

The Mary Washington College community was saddened by the death of Laura Voelkel Sumner on June 18, 1993. Hers was a full life, distinguished both by its breadth of involvement and its extent of accomplishment during her 32 years as a member of the Classics Department. For part of that time, I was privileged to be her colleague and, in the process, developed a keen appreciation for this remarkable woman.

A native of Brooklyn, Laura received her A.B. degree cum laude from Vasser College, then M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the Johns Hopkins University. She taught Latin and art history at Wesleyan College in Georgia for three years before joining the Mary Washington College faculty in 1948. Over the next three decades, she emerged as one of the most prominent members of the faculty, not only as a popular and inspiring teacher and adviser, but also as chair of the Classics Department for 30 years and for a time as director of the College's summer sessions. Throughout, she remained active in her academic field, holding leadership positions in several notable professional organizations and participating in archaeological research in Greece and Rome.

Nor was Laura's involvement limited to academe. Committed as well to civic affairs, she became in 1957 the first female director of the Fredericksburg Area Chamber of Commerce. In 1960, she was the first woman to be elected to the Fredericksburg City Council, where she served three productive terms. In recognition of such accomplishments, she was proclaimed the city's "First Lady" in 1960.

Yet the classroom was Laura's true metier. This I know, not only from her uniformly favorable reputation among both colleagues and students, but also from my own personal observation. During the years that I taught the History of Rome, I occasionally invited Laura to my class to lecture on her field of special expertise, numismatics. Drawing upon her extensive collection of Roman coins, she always delivered substantive and sprightly presentations, liberally spiced with anecdotes, including an amusing tale of how she once absent-mindedly inserted a priceless coin from the Augustan period into a Fredericksburg parking meter. (It was safely retrieved.) Laura's classes were always vibrant, furnishing proof that profundity and fun can indeed mix.

Following her retirement, Laura's deteriorating health, together with her concern over the decline of her husband, Raiford, diminished her active participation in the life of the College community. Yet I could still count on hearing from her periodically, either by note or by phone, whenever she chanced upon an item that she believed might be of personal or professional interest to me. Those communications were typical of her thoughtfulness and were always welcome.

My last lengthy conversation with Laura occurred some two years before her death. In my capacity as historian of the College, I asked if I could conduct a formal taped interview with her. Gracious as always, she agreed — but the formality soon gave way to a relaxed and charming reminiscence of her years at Mary Washington. Ever the raconteur, she ranged over many topics from an earlier day: cotillions and dance cards, faculty picnics, student cavalry units, and May Day celebrations. Despite her infirmities, her spirits rose as she discussed various special interests: her continuing commitment to the study of the classics ("the best education in the world for anything else you might want to do," she called it); her pride in having participated in the establishment of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter at the College; her lasting friendships with former colleagues and students; and, above all, her undiminished devotion to her late husband and their two sons, Bennett and Robert.

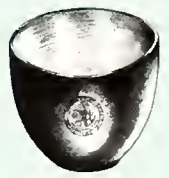
Near the end of that interview, Laura spoke fondly of her years at Mary Washington as having been characterized by a "warm, gentle glow,...[a] softness that is all but gone from today's settings." Over her lengthy career, Laura Sumner contributed significantly to the creation of that spirit, as well as to the academic excellence of the college which she loved. Her memory remains a "warm, gentle glow" for those students whose minds she enlightened and those colleagues whose lives she enriched.

Spinning Wheel Boutique

The Spinning Wheel Boutique can help you find that special gift. The Boutique offers a variety of merchandise, featuring the pewter Jefferson Cup, Boston Rocker and Captain's Chair. All gifts are available for purchase at the alumni house or they can be shipped (with additional shipping charge). Add 4.5% sales tax to the price of all items purchased in the Boutique or shipped to a Virginia address. Make checks payable to Mary Washington College Alumni Association, and mail requests to P.O. Box 1315, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22402. You can also call the Alumni Office at (703) 899-4648 with your order or fax it to (703) 899-4931 and charge it with your VISA or MasterCard.

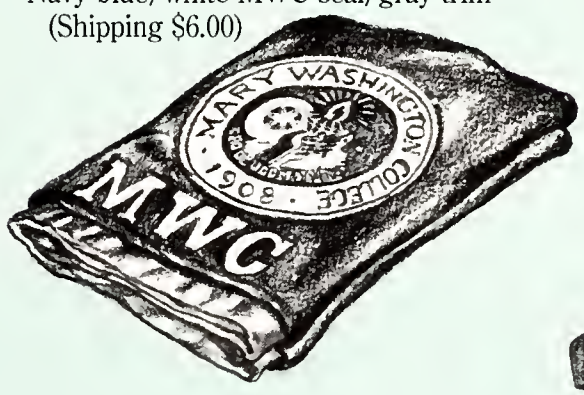
Boston Rocker $190.00
#133-2104–Satin Black finish with gold trim
#133–9451–Cherry finish

Pewter Jefferson Cup $20.00
Etched with MWC seal
(Shipping $3.00)



Wine Carafe Set $38.00
1 liter carafe and 4 glasses etched with MWC seal
(Shipping $5.00)

MWC Blanket $40.00
All wool, 62" x 84"
Light blue/white MWC seal
Navy blue/white MWC seal/gray trim
(Shipping $6.00)



Mary Washington Brass Trivet
(in the shape of the MW)
Small–(5-inch) $13.00
Large–(7-inch) $19.00
(Shipping $3.00)

Beach Towel $24.00
Navy blue with white embroidered lettering, 36" x 72"
(Shipping $3.00)

Cotton Canvas Tote Bags
Natural cotton with navy blue trim and embroidered lettering
Small (12" x 14")–$12.50
Large (14" x 24")–$20.00
(Shipping $3.00)

Nylon Bags
Cooler Bag, 10" x 10", $17.50 (shipping $3.00)
New items (not pictured):
Large Carry-All, 24" x 12" x 12", $26.50 (shipping $5.00)
Small Carry-All, 19" x 10" x 10", $22.00 (shipping $4.00)
Briefcase, 16-1/4" x 13-1/4" x 3", $26.50 (shipping $4.00)

Captain's Chair $190.00
#342-2108–Satin black lacquer finish with cherry arms
(Shipping subject to UPS rates.)

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